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'Fearsome' weapons brandished by distressed man in Barry

POLICE officers in Barry were forced to draw their canisters of incapacitant spray when an enraged man, armed with two "fearsome" weapons, threatened to kill his partner, Cardiff Crown Court has been told.

The officers maintained a dialogue with the distressed man who eventually took two knives with 12" blades towards them and was arrested, said prosecutor Nicholas Gedge.

Sonny Richardson told them: "I only intended to harm myself."

Richardson (29), a scaffolder of Blackberry Drive, Barry, has been convicted at Cardiff Magistrates' Court of offences of affray and

CARDIFF CROWN COURT REPORT by AJ SICLUNA

possessing bladed articles and had been committed to the Crown Court for sentence.

He was jailed for 16 months, suspended for 18 months, ordered to carry out 180 hours unpaid work and to undertake a rehabilitation course for 25 days.

He was also ordered to pay £500 costs.

Judge Jeremy Jenkins told him: "Let these words sink in. If you come back before me on a breach, you will go to prison."

He said the incident had been on a main thoroughfare in a busy town near a car park when other people were present.

"The weapons you had were fearsome and

you brandished them in a public place. The effect on people can only be imagined.

Carrying weapons in a public place is the most serious matter and it has become the prevalent offence which is worrying the court."

He commended the police for their courage and quick thinking.

Mr Gedge said the incident occurred in Holton Road at about 4.30pm on April 7.

A couple saw Richardson shouting at a woman who had a pushchair and he accused her of being unfaithful.

Passers-by were concerned and called the police.

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'LUNCHBOX CHALLENGE' NETS PLASTIC REDUCTION



PICTURE BY GLYN EVANS.

BARRY ISLAND Primary School pupils have starred in a Sir David Attenborough film featuring the response of people to the effect of plastic in oceans highlighted in Blue Planet II.

The BBC heard how children at the school had worked to reduce the amount of plastic they use and sent a film crew to record what they were doing.

Barry youngsters had organised a project to reduce their 'plastic footprint'.

Introducing the short film, which is on Twitter, Sir David said: "We hoped that Blue Planet II would open people's eyes to the damage we are doing to our oceans and the creatures that live in them."

"I've been absolutely astonished at the result that the programme has had.

I never imagined that there would be quite so many of you who would be inspired to want to change."

The school council and 'eco committee', organised by teachers Emma Nunn and Abbi Pringle, were keen to reduce the amount of plastic everyone used.

As a result, the 'Lunchbox Challenge' was born.

The project involved pupils measuring the amount of plastic used in their lunchboxes.

Gracie-Leigh, a year-4 pupil, explained: "We found out that 303 pieces of plastic were used across the whole school. It has now reduced to 187 pieces."

"Since this project, we have analysed 'tally charts' and noticed a huge improvement."

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What's on, and where?

Valeways guided walks

ON Tuesday, July 3 at 10am - Crwydro; meet at Coffee Cove, Ynys Y Barri.

On Wednesday, July 4 at 10.30am Coffee Shop strollers of Cosmeston will meet outside the visitor centre at the country park.

The same day at 2.30pm the Coffee Shop Strollers of Llantwit Major meet at the Llantwit town hall car park.

Wednesday, July 4 at 7pm take a walk along the coastal footpath at Barry Island. Meet at Redbrink Crescent, at the entrance to Jackson Bay.

On Thursday, July 5 the Living With Cancer Strollers will meet outside the visitor centre at Cosmeston at 10.30am.

Friends of the Earth meeting

The next meeting of Barry and Vale Friends of the Earth will be at 7.30pm on Tuesday, July 3 in the Castle Hotel, Jewel Street, Barry.

Equity Release

DO you own your own home? If you are interested in equity release and would like more information and advice, Age Connects are holding a session at their Senior Health Shop, 38 Holton Road, Barry on Tuesday, July 3 from 10am to 12 pm. No appointment needed, just come along and chat to an adviser. Call 01446 732385 for further information.

Arthritis group

A NEW Living Well with Arthritis support group has started in Barry at Age Connects Cardiff and Vale Senior Health Shop, 38 Holton Road, Barry.

If you have arthritis, whether you have been recently diagnosed or have been living with it for some time, we're here with information and support. The group is tailored to your needs and will help with information on diet, medication, Tai Chi, Yoga etc.

Sessions will be held monthly on Tuesday from 1.30pm to 4pm; the next drop-in is Tuesday,

July 3. Call 01446 732385 or to May (coordinator) on 07711 3669456 for further information - or just come along.

Trading standards

DO you have an issue related to Trading Standards?

Age Connects Cardiff and Vale are holding a drop in information session on Tuesday, July 3 from 10am to 12 noon at the Senior Health Shop, 38 Holton Road, Barry. No appointment needed; contact 01446 732385 for further information.

Llanmaes village fete

LLANMAES village are holding their annual fete on Saturday, July 7 from 1pm to 5pm in conjunction with the Blacksmith's Arms beer festival.

Fun for all the family: photographic competition, Aberthin Tractor Boys, Brian Moore's mouth challenge, craft stalls, coconut shy, face painting, bouncy castle, live music and barbecue. Come and join us!

Councillors' surgery

LLANTWIT First Independent Councillors will hold an advice surgery at the Heritage Centre, Town Hall, Llantwit Major on Saturday, July 7 from 9.30am until 11.30am. Residents who have any issue to raise are welcome to attend.

National Trust Association

THE Vale NT Association is delighted to announce a special event at Dyffryn House on Tuesday, July 10 at 11am in the Morning Room.

Colin Evans will share his memories of living in the house when he was seven years old during World War 2. If you are a member and would like to come, email vofgiant@gmail.com to include a contact email or telephone number as numbers are strictly limited. Many thanks to NT Dyffryn for letting us use the house to really bring Colin's story to life.

Readers' Letters

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An email address alone is not sufficient!

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Should the Vale not be the 'lead' in proposed merger?

I READ the article on the Council's response to merger proposals and while I have a degree of sympathy with concerns at merging with Cardiff, I was amused by some of the comments made by the Leader of the Vale Council.

The council's response has been developed by officers across the council as well as elected members. Think turkeys voting for Christmas - why would senior officers risk their high salaries (assume some level of redundancy) or maintain an authority with higher than required levels of senior

management?

And why would members risk their £13,700 minimum salary, should there be a reduction in the number of members?

If the council is so efficient (three years an award) why does council tax go up every year? If the council really wanted to reduce expenditure, they could reduce the number of members riding the gravy train.

Obviously, the Leader knows something most other people don't know as he suggests there is no benefit to 'economies of scale'.

While accepting that there is a concern at merging with Cardiff, if the Vale is so much more efficient in the way it operates then it should not be the 'lead'

in any merged council?

Is the time right for our Assembly Member to fight for the Vale in the Assembly or are we (the residents) supposed to roll over, pay increasing tax and accept that our AM is not likely to do much, in the same way that she failed to secure a more equitable settlement in years past?

As a final comment, I would suspect that any merged councils will end up with even higher paid chief executives and senior managers as they will claim more responsibility.

Strangely, when local government was last reorganised, senior management salaries didn't drop!
David Ludlow, Barry.

'Facts, not lies'

I WRITE in response to the reader's letter issued anonymously entitled 'Lies damn lies' in your June 21 edition.

The writer, who has chosen to withhold their identity, indicates that the statistics used are lies.

Might I refer the enthusiastic writer of that letter to the Office of Rail and Road Statistics government website orr.gov.uk/statistics/popular-statistics where it clearly reports Bridgend train station as having 1,524,162 passenger entries and exits for the 2016/17 period.

The Cardiff Airport website www.cardiff-airport.com/news/2017/07/05/cardiff-airport-marks-milestone-passenger-figures/ states that in June 2017 the

rolling total of annual passenger numbers passing through the airport had increased to 1.4m, with monthly passenger numbers up 19 per cent on the previous June.

These are simple and hard facts as reported by the transport operators themselves as opposed to the speculative and fanciful forecasts portrayed within the strategic and economic case underpinning Vale's case for developing a new highway between the A48 at Sycamore Cross and J34 of the M4 at Hensol, not least the suggested cost of £51 million for the proposed road, which as a property developer I can assure you is almost certainly likely to triple by the time the last piece of tarmac is laid.

You may print my name.
Wayne Locke.

Same problem, different outcome

WHEN I read the article by C Bailey of St Athan in last week's GEM, about people making a noise in the cinema, it brought back a memory from 40 years ago.

Three friends and myself went to the Embassy cinema in Bridgend to see *Anne of 1,000 Days* and we sat upstairs in the front row.

Fifteen minutes into the film, we had heard

not heard a word of dialogue as all the people around us were talking, rustling sweet papers, or generally making a noise.

I stood up and turned to face everyone and said: "Will you all be quiet - we are trying to watch the film" in a very loud voice.

There was complete silence and I sat back down. We didn't hear another sound all through the film.

I don't think I would like to do the same in this day and age.
M Thomas, St Hilary.

Breast Cancer Unit concert

ST CADOC'S Llanfarcavan will host a charity concert in aid of Velindre Hospital Breast Cancer Unit on Tuesday, June 26 at 7.30pm when the BellaDonna Choir, conducted by Geoff Howells, will be providing a programme of Midsummer Music followed by wine and canapés.

The programme will include: JS Bach's *Prelude in C sharp minor*, songs from the Middle Ages, Folksongs and songs from Poets Corner. Tickets (£5) on 07952 731797 or at the church door.

A thank you to 1st Llantwit Major Brownies



SOMETHING rather special happened a few days ago, and I wanted to share it with The GEM readers and respond to 1st Llantwit Major Brownies.

A flower pot arrived on my doorstep one evening. Other neighbours had one too. It came with a note that said:

Here's a little flower,
With love from us to you
We wish that it will keep you smiling,
All the summer through.
It will need a little water,
And the right amount of sun,
We hope that you will accept it,
And see a good turn done.

Here is my thank you response:
Dear Llantwit Major Brownies,
Thank you Llantwit Brownies
Your gift was very welcome.
It was planted, watered
and a flower came quickly too.
Your gift has brought back memories,
Of happy Guiding years.
And put smile upon my face.
So thank you, Llantwit Brownies
You have indeed,
A good turn done.
With love from me to you.
Sue Banks, Llantwit Major.

HIGH TIDE TIMES

(UNTIL JULY 5)

The high tides listed in this week's GEM are those in Porthcawl. It should be remembered that along the coast, high tide times will vary. For instance, in Barry, the high point will be 20 - 25 minutes later.

DATE	Time	Ht	Time	Ht
	AM	M	PM	M
28 Thur	07.28	9.2	19.47	9.3
29 Fri	08.07	9.3	20.23	9.2
30 Sat	08.41	9.2	20.58	9.2
01 Sun	09.13	9.1	21.32	9.1
02 Mon	09.48	9.0	22.07	8.9
03 Tues	10.22	8.8	22.41	8.7
04 Wed	10.58	8.5	23.21	8.4
05 Thur	11.40	8.3	23.59	8.2

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Barry store's eco-uniforms can help to save the planet!

A POPULAR Barry store will play a key role in the new era of secondary education about to start in the town.

Pencoedre High School and Whitmore High School officially open in September and Ruckleys, located at 45 Holton Road, will supply the new school eco-uniforms.

The store owner Faye Ruckley is committed to the town – the business sponsors local events such as GlastonBARRY – and she was thrilled to win the uniform contract.

"It is amazing to be part of the tradition of our schools; I'm passionate about the town and its people."

"Many customers at Ruckleys have been new parents buying pushchairs, now they're buying their school uniforms from us. Over the years we've got to know families so well that we are on first name terms with them."

Years ago, Faye's decision to open Ruckleys – an all-purpose children's store – was triggered by the closure of Dan Evans which previously supplied uniforms.

It was a big leap for Faye who had previously owned a 'nearly new' nursery and baby clothing shop Peekaboo in High Street but was always ambitious to expand her horizons.

"In 2005, Dan Evans announced they were to close. We decided to open a store mirroring their nursery and school uniform department."

"We wrote to many schools and were

fortunate that Mr Swallow, the headteacher of Barry Comprehensive School, awarded us the sole supply contract for their school uniform.

"Our aim was to gain one new school each year because it was important to us to deliver a good service. We have now been trading 12 years and supply 12 schools."

Faye attended Bryn Hafren School as a youngster and is now supplying its successor, Pencoedre High.

Ruckleys eco-uniforms are supplied by David Luke. The polyester in them is made from biodegradable plastic drinking bottles instead of using crude oil. It saves on energy and CO2 emissions.

An average senior school committing to eco-uniforms can prevent 36,000 bottles going to landfill.

A David Luke spokesman explained: "Since 2013 the production of every garment in our eco-uniform has prevented just over 21 million plastic bottles from going to landfill."

Faye added: "We operate a payment plan system which is extremely popular with local people. Last year over 80 per cent of year-7 students used this facility."

"We are also running an opportunity to win a free uniform. All people have to do is come in and order their uniform by June 30 to qualify."

Blazers start from £26.99, jumpers around £13 and ties £5.99.



Faye Ruckley (right) and Kath Holland of Ruckleys which is supplying the new school uniforms for Pencoedre High School and Whitmore High School.

Labour and Plaid clash over town council finances

A WAR of words has broken out on Barry Town Council with Plaid Cymru councillors claiming the council could run out of money and Labour accusing them of employing dodgy 'facts'.

Plaid said they were concerned about the financial reserves and said the council faces a shortage in reserves which could fall from £965,000 in 2017 to £30,000 in 2022 under current spending plans.

They say auditors recommend the council keeps three to six months of spending in reserve, meaning a minimum of around £300,000.

Plaid Cymru councillor Ian Johnson warned that the council will need a 13 per cent precept increase to meet next year's budget, after the council's updated five-year plan was discussed at last week's full council meeting.

Cllr Johnson said he had proposed reductions in unnecessary spending in the budget that would have left the finances up to £250,000 better off over five years, but that Labour and the Conservatives had voted against it.

He said: "It is very worrying that the council's reserves are disappearing so quickly. Some of this is

planned spending, such as the new Cemetery Approach Gardens, but other spending hasn't previously been part of our long-term planning or the 2018-19 budget."

"Barry Town Council is already projecting a six figure overspend for next year's budget. To fix that, the council would need a 13 per cent precept increase."

Plaid Cymru group leader, Shirley Hodges, added: "Plaid Cymru will not support any Labour-Tory budget which makes residents pay an above inflation rise while the council spends more money than it should."

The Leader of Barry Town Council, Cllr Bronwen Brooks, said Plaid was mischief-making.

"Plaid are yet again up to their old games, gerrymandering figures and information to make political mischief."

"Cllr Johnson appears to be basing his 'facts' on a five-year forecast, which includes assumptions and is likely to change during the budget setting process."

"The fact is that the council set a 5 per cent precept for 2018/19 – voted against by Plaid who wanted a 2.4 per cent increase in the precept which would have left the council in severe financial restraints for this year and had a detrimental impact on the five-year plan, putting at risk any future plans the

town council may consider."

"The Labour and Conservative groups have taken a prudent approach and will continue to do so, putting our town and residents at the forefront of financial management and the important decisions we make on their behalf."

TC

COUPLE PLEAD GUILTY TO SUPPLYING CANNABIS

CANNABIS with a street value of up to £1,650 was discovered when police officers went to a house in Penarth, it was stated at Cardiff Crown Court, writes AJ SICLUNA.

Jake Hunter (22) and Ellie Venton (21), both of Windsor Road, Penarth, both admitted possessing the drug with intent to supply.

Each was jailed for six months, suspended for 18 months. Venton was ordered to carry out 100 hours unpaid work and Hunter was ordered to carry out 120 hours unpaid work.

Each was made subject to a six-week electronically-tagged curfew. For Venton it was from 8pm to 6am and for Hunter, it was 8pm to 4am.

Each was also ordered to pay costs of £360. Prosecutor Suzanne Payne said police had gone to their home on a totally unrelated matter but when they arrived there, they discovered a quantity of cannabis on the premises.

The court heard that, at the time, Venton said: "I don't know anything about the cannabis."

Altogether, said Ms Payne, there was 173.2 grammes of the drug, £240 in cash, mobile phones and scales.

Hunter admitted that he knew about the drugs, and on the phones there was evidence, said Ms Payne, of drug dealing.

Vanessa Francis, for Venton, said police had gone to the flat in relation to a public order matter.

Venton, she said, was a cannabis user and she showed great remorse.

Despite a difficult family situation, she added, she had found employment.

The couple, she

continued, had not enjoyed anything like a lavish lifestyle.

Ruth Smith, for Hunter, said she acknowledged the case passed the custody threshold but she urged the court to draw back from an immediate prison sentence.

"He was fully co-operative with the police and accepted his responsibility. At the time, he was a heavy cannabis user but has now turned his life around and is a productive member of society."

"He and Venton are firmly committed together."

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Old Boys reunion raises cash for Ty Hafan



James Davies-Hale and Alan Kingdon at Ty Hafan.

A SCHOOL reunion by Romilly Old Boys raised funds for Vale hospice, Ty Hafan, recently.

James Davies-Hale, supporter care manager at Ty Hafan, said: "Ty Hafan extends sincere thanks to the Romilly Old Boys for their generous donation of £600 from the profits of their school reunion on May 18 at the Sea View Labour Club."

"Every year, Ty Hafan takes care of over 200 children with life-limiting conditions while supporting their families. This is a collective effort – Ty Hafan simply couldn't provide its vital services without the kindness and generosity of the community."

"Thank you to everyone at the Romilly Old Boys for your support."

MUSIC FESTIVAL

PENARTH Chamber Music Festival starts on Thursday, July 12 until Sunday, July 15 in various locations throughout the town.

The festival opens at 7.30pm on July 12 at Penarth Pier Pavilion, when London Bridge Trio will perform. Ticket £16; free for eight to 25 year olds.

For further information on all festival events, visit info@penarthchambermusicfestival.org.uk. Tickets are available from www.ticketsource.co.uk.

Junior artists praised for their compositions



Cllr Steve Thomas with Sara Bentley Chair of the Art Group and council Vice Chair Cllr John Fanshaw.

THE Dinas Powys Art Group held its annual exhibition in the Parish Hall recently.

The Chair of the Community Council presented the prizes and congratulated everyone who had entered the show. Cllr Steve Thomas said he was especially pleased to meet the winner of the St Andrews School Year 5 art exhibition and competition, which was on the theme of 'Australia'.

Cllr Thomas said that he was delighted that there was encouragement to attract young people to take an interest in painting.

"I was impressed with the standard

of the work of both the junior and open exhibition. I look forward to future shows."

The overall winner was Samuel May with Jacob Reese and Finley Jenkins producing paintings demonstrating the greatest effort. All three were encouraged to continue painting.

The judges said of Samuel's painting that he created a "...landscape of Uluru [Ayers Rock] that is full of depth and dimension. The rich reds in the foreground recede to the more distant pinks".

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Plea for Penarth parents' to help stamp out menace of underage drinking

POLICE in Penarth are asking local parents for their support in helping them tackle underage drinking.

It comes after recent incidents of underage drinking in the town. Officers are working with their partners within the Safer Vale to combat the issue.

Sgt Julie Madoc-Smart said: "We are keen to get the message out to parents to help us by making sure they know where their teenagers are when they are out and about in the evenings."

"We believe teenagers are taking alcohol belonging to their parents from their homes out into the community. I would urge parents to check where

they store their alcohol at home and talk to their children about the dangers of underage drinking.

"Not only are teenagers taking risks by breaking the law, but they should also be aware that alcohol can leave them vulnerable and put their personal safety at risk."

"Regular police patrols have identified underage drinkers and officers have informed parents of their children's behaviour."

"Adults who are found to be buying alcohol for under 18s can be fined £80 and also risk further prosecution by the courts."

"We would urge anyone with information on underage drinking in the area to call us on 101."



Club secretary Ann Harrihy and Rotary helper, Bailey Sloan, recently visited Llamau to meet Barbara Redmore, who received the cheque.

Barry Rotary Club supports Llamau charity

THE Rotary Club of Barry recently presented a cheque to Llamau.

The donation will enable Llamau to support vulnerable young people and adults in the Vale and made possible thanks to the generosity of the people supporting the Rotary Club's fundraising events.

The next fundraising event will be the Charity Duck Race and Summer Fete to be held in the Knap Gardens on Saturday, July 21 from

noon until 4pm.

Following the success of last year's event, there will be more activities this year to make it a very special day.

Ducks will be on sale on July 6 and 8 in Asda, Barry and on July 15 in Morrisons, Barry.

Further details can also be found on the Club's Facebook page and will be released in The GEM.

For more information, come and chat to us at the Charity Duck Race on July 21.

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'Skybration' drew kite lovers and good winds



ART4U hosted the 'Skybration 2018 Kite Festival' on Thursday, June 21, billed as an "afternoon and evening of kites, art and fun for all ages".

The Vale Council ran a 'kite and

windsock-making' workshop from 5pm and the kite parade began at 6pm.

There were 50 kites available for early arrivals to try out.

Local photographer Dean Baynham took the photograph.

Ben Franklin

Picnic Penarth exceeds expectations



BEAUTIFUL weather and smiling faces shone bright as Picnic Penarth was enjoyed by all visitors at the new Esplanade location.

The event, which is estimated to have brought 14,000 visitors from across the county and beyond, saw traders and food vendors celebrating a sell-out weekend as the community came together to enjoy the fantastic range of food and entertainment.

Penarth Soul Club and John Lewis and his trio were thoroughly enjoyed by the crowd and younger guests were treated to Simon Sparkles and DJ Stirling and an excellent performance by Rubicon Dancers. The unique view of the Volvo Ocean Race departure kept the carnival atmosphere in full swing.

Leader of Penarth Town Council, Cllr Rhiannon Birch commented: "I'd like to



thank everyone for their support in making this event a real Penarth showcase.

"Seeing local families and visitors really enjoying the weekend made all our team's hard work worthwhile."

The event was delivered in conjunction with Genero, an events and media agency with offices in Penarth.

Pete Leckie, MD of the company said: "I'm so pleased that the Picnic was such a great

success – and of course my own family loved every minute of the weekend too."

The event was the first event taking place under the new Memorandum of Understanding between Penarth Town Council and Genero Productions.

The organisers are now looking forward to delivering Penarth Festival and Downhill Derby on July 14 and 15.

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The Spectrum Singers help to blow the roof on

SPECTRUM Singers, an accomplished cappella group of choristers from around the Vale, come to Barry for the first time with a concert of music inspired by last month's Royal Wedding.

Organist and choirmaster of All Saints', Barry, James Bull said: "We need £250,000 for a new church roof, and we're raising funds with a series of lunchtime music recitals on the third Saturday of each month."

Spectrum Singers' concert entitled "United" takes place on Saturday, July 14 and marries works by contemporary American and British composers in a musical confetti of jazz, folk, country, sacred, spiritual and pop.

Musical director David Hutchings said: "We first performed this concert programme on the day of the Royal Wedding and it was amazing how many elements of the day were reflected in the music – from Californian blue skies

and sunshine in a Beach Boys medley to a show-stopping Deep South spiritual worthy of Michael Curry."

"We even had a bit of McCartney to round off the evening..."

Spectrum Singers curated the programme to feature the work of living composers, including Eric Whitacre for whom the choir provided pre-concert entertainment at St David's Hall in 2017.

It's not the first time that the choir has lent its collective voice in support of restoration funds. The choir recorded the premiere for the BBC in the Great Hall of Dyffryn Gardens' splendid mansion, with the National Trust hosting Spectrum Singers in a concert to raise money for rebuilding the fountain.

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SIR DAVID'S PRAISE FOR PUPILS

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The school has also been featured on the BBC Plastic Watch website as 'Plastic Heroes'.

The headteacher Matt Gilbert told The GEM: "Following the recent problems with visitors disposing of rubbish on Whitmore Bay beach, we wanted to support the council in all their hard work to keep the beach clean."

"In addition, the children wanted to make a difference in their own school environment."

"This led to the development of the Lunchbox Challenge by Emma and the children. It has already had an overwhelming impact and more importantly helps in the education of vital environmental issues."

The children's appearance in David Attenborough's film can be viewed by doing a search for 'BBC Earth on Twitter'.

It was uploaded on June 23 and you don't have to be a Twitter user to be able to see it.



Rowers reach Mumbles in time for breakfast

LAST week The GEM Coastguard Association. Led by Rear Commodore, club rowing captain and local coastguard Tony Peters, the rowers set off in darkness from Barry Harbour at 03.44am on Saturday, June 23.

Members of the club wanted to raise funds for a nine-month-old girl called Mali who was born with three holes in her heart.

They were also raising funds for the

New homes in Barry are 'set for approval'

A council-backed development of 28 new affordable homes is set to be approved in Barry. The Vale Council wants to redevelop Brecon Court, off Cornwall Road, by building 15 flats, nine two-bed houses and four

three-bed homes. All the homes in the development would be 'affordable', and there would be 30 parking spaces.

No public objections have been made against the development, but it has been opposed by Barry Town Council over concerns on bin storage, insufficient parking, disabled facilities and additional traffic in nearby roads.

The Vale Council's planning committee has been advised by council officers to approve the development when it meets on Thursday (June 28).

A statement made to the committee, by agents Geraint John Planning, said the development would provide much-needed affordable housing for the area.

It says: "The proposed development aims to make the most efficient use of the site, whilst creating a high-quality living environment."

Matt Discombe
Local democracy reporter

MAN JAILED

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He was shouting in her face: "It's over, you ****. You are a cheating slag."

He walked away and reappeared holding two kitchen knives and told her: "I could kill you. I'm going to kill you. If anyone comes to my house, I'll kill them."

The police arrived, there was a call for back up and Richardson, by now their captive, said: "Don't come near me," holding a knife in each hand.

The officers drew their canisters of incapacitant spray, and eventually he was arrested.

He admitted having

the knives, said he was in an emotional state, and apologised.

The court heard he had previous convictions for affray, causing damage and assault.

His solicitor, Tarick Sadiq said: "I accept members of the public were frightened by his behaviour, and there are aggravating features which caused the case to cross the custody threshold."

"He had been in trouble with the courts in 2010 and he didn't intend to harm others."

"When the police arrived, he was seen to have cuts on his body. "There was remorse from the outset."

Barry jeweller's celebration day

PAUL Gentile Jewellers in Barry are celebrating their 40th anniversary on Saturday, June 30 and they are inviting everyone to call into the shop to help them celebrate.

They will be giving away hundreds of pounds of jewellery in a free raffle and there will be refreshments. Call in to pick up your free raffle ticket on Saturday.

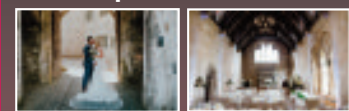
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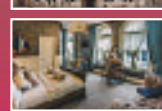
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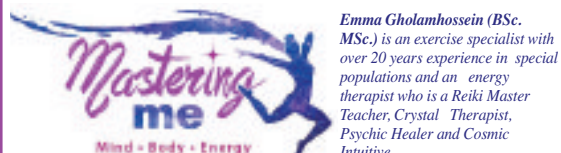
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Barrybados 'over the moon' with nomination

BARRYBADOS Gift Shop has been presented with a certificate by local MP **Alun Cairns** as it became the **Vale of Glamorgan Responsible Business Champion**.

The award, created by the All-Party Parliamentary Corporate Responsibility Group (APCRG), has been running since 2015 and seeks to find businesses that promote responsible practices, such as ensuring a healthy workplace and supporting their community.

MPs have the opportunity to nominate a champion from the business community in their constituency, who will then go before a panel of judges as they aim to win the national



Alun Cairns MP presents a certificate Louis Ross.

title. The national winner is due to be announced in Westminster on July 4.

Co-creator of Barrybados, Louis Ross, said he was over the moon with his nomination. After

hearing the news, Louis said: "I took a call this morning, I didn't know anything about it until then. I'm humbled; to be nominated by the people of Barry is just amazing. I was told our

nomination was because we had made small changes such as moving to paper bags, cutting off tags of products to reduce waste, offering a free delivery service, excellent customer service and promotion of Barry, amongst other things."

Impressed by their commitment to promoting environmentally friendly work practices, Mr Cairns said: "It's a pleasure to nominate Barrybados for Responsible Business Champion after their hard work, not only to promote Barry, but also with regard to taking responsibility over their environmental footprint."

"Taking measures to cut waste and plastic usage is commendable and I'm delighted that this award allows for that to be recognised."

Biomass Plant decision 'in next few weeks'

JANE Hutt has been told a decision on whether an **environmental impact assessment** is needed in relation to the **Barry biomass incinerator** is expected within the next few weeks.

The Vale AM raised the issue with Leader of the House, Julie James, at the National Assembly.

She said that in February, ministers said they were considering making a screening direction to plant developers. Biomass UK No 2 Limited, on the grounds that the characteristics of the development fall within environmental impact assessment regulations.

Mrs Hutt said: "I'm curious what the delay is in progressing the screening."

"Can the leader of the house find out from the environment minister whether she would disclose any correspondence with

the developer on this matter since February?"

Mrs James said she was aware that residents of Barry have been waiting a long time for a decision in respect of the environmental impact assessment.

She told Mrs Hutt: "We're currently looking at the environmental information produced by parties including the developer and the Docks Incinerator Action Group to inform a way forward."

"I'm afraid I don't have an exact timescale, but we are anticipating a decision within the next few weeks."

Mrs James said she would ask Environment Minister Hannah Blythyn to write to Mrs Hutt about any correspondence she has had with the developer.

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Coastguard's inland rescue

ON Sunday, June 24, the Barry Coastguard was called to an emergency a little further inland than normal.

A spokesman explained: "We were called to assist South Wales Police and British Transport Police with an unconscious male at Barry Island railway station. First aid was given and an ambulance was called."

The man recovered consciousness and rather than going into hospital, decided to catch the train back to his home town.

Appeal issued as police concerned for woman's safety

OFFICERS in Barry are appealing for information to help locate a woman following concerns for her safety.

A call was received from a member of the public who was concerned for the wellbeing of a woman who was last seen near Gladstone Road Bridge in Barry at around 8am on Monday, June 25.

The woman was seen before this at around 7.45am getting out of a silver/white saloon car near the Three Horseshoes Inn in

Moulton.

She is described as being white, 16-to-20 years old, with very long dark hair.

She was wearing a mustard yellow/flowered top which was possibly a rusty red colour, white trainers and wearing a VIP wristband on her wrist.

Anyone who saw or recognises the woman from the description should contact police or the woman herself to confirm she is safe.

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Rhose Bingo

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AM surgery

VALE AM Jane Hutt will be holding a surgery on Saturday, June 30 from 10am-11am at Barry Citizens Advice Bureau, 119 Broad Street.

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Locks lopped off for local charity

MIKE BARRETT had a sponsored head shave to raise funds for ValePlus, a charity based in Barry that provides learning and leisure opportunities for adults with learning disabilities.

Jordan and Matthew from Shapes Barber Shop on Holton Road lopped off his locks. The event raised in excess of £340.

ValePlus wished to thank everyone for supporting the event.



Bus event organised

ON Tuesday, July 3, as part of 'Catch the Bus Week', Bus Users Cymru and Vale Council are organising an event in King Square, Barry from 10am to 2pm.

The event is an opportunity for bus users and other members of the general public to talk face to face with the representatives with responsibility for transport issues from Cardiff Bus, Easyway Minibus Hire, Greenlinks, New Adventure Travel Group and The Vale of Glamorgan Council.

Bus Users Cymru staff will take details of concerns about the services of other operators in the area.

Cllr Geoff Cox, Cabinet Member for Neighbourhood Services and Transport, said: "I am pleased that the council are hosting the Your Bus Matters event with Bus Users Cymru."

"This will allow users and our local service providers to meet, identify and help to

resolve any issues faced by those travelling on local buses. I would encourage all interested residents to come along and meet us."

Bus Users Cymru deputy director for Wales, Barclay Davies said: "The Your Bus Matters event is a really good opportunity for bus users to talk directly with the bus operators in their area and it will hopefully be the start of long term grassroots consultation with the aim of improving bus services."

"At the event, details of all points raised are taken and replies sent by the operators or local authorities to those people attending."

"It is often difficult for bus users to understand the actions of commercial bus operators and difficult for bus operators to fully understand the needs of users. People often don't know who is responsible for providing bus services in their area or who they should contact when things go wrong. I hope that as many people as possible will come and talk to us".

BARCLAY DAVIES

Huge turnout at Vale charity open day



A VALE-based charity opened its doors last week to showcase its work and invite new members into the fold.

Vale People First is based on Broad Street in Barry and prides itself as an organisation "for and led by" people with learning disabilities in the Vale.

The open day, held on June 22, provided guests with the opportunity to learn more about the charity's work, including the support it provides people to live

independently.

South Wales Central AM Andrew RT Davies praised the charity's work and said he looked forward to seeing them go on to build on their success.

Mr Davies said: "People with learning difficulties and disabilities face many challenges and it is vital they are given the support they need."

"Vale People First work exceptionally hard to give people the confidence to live independently as well as take on roles of leadership and responsibility."

"It was a pleasure to visit last week and learn more about the great work the charity does. I'd like to thank everyone for being so generous with their and I look forward to seeing the charity push on and help even more people achieve a successful future."

Andrew RT Davies AM, Jane Hutt AM, and Vale People First members and volunteers at the charity's open day.

Supporting older people in the Vale

THE Cardiff and Vale Integrated Health and Social Care Partnership has allocated £27,000 to prime new and innovative third sector community activities and services for older people in the Vale, it has announced.

The Fund is provided via the Welsh Government Integrated Care Fund 2018-19 and is administered by Glamorgan Voluntary Services (GVS).

The Third Sector Programme is open for applications from May 29 with a deadline for submission of noon on July 6.

This revenue-only fund aims to support proposals which improve the quality of life for older people in the Vale by ensuring that opportunities are put in place locally to promote

health and wellbeing and independence.

The overall aim is for older people to remain living in, and engaging with, their communities for as long as they wish.

We are looking to support proposals for new or additional services which respond to a need or a particular problem, build on community assets and maximise the impact of preventative services.

For example, you may wish to set up a new self-help group or forum, or a lunch or sport club, carers support, neighbour support, provide information and advice, organise a special event or a small scale community befriending service.

Application forms and guidance are available from Glamorgan Voluntary Services (GVS) on 01446 741706, email enquiries@gvs.wales or see www.gvs.wales.

LIFT GROUP

THE Lift Group offers friendship and support to those affected by breast cancer.

We meet in a family home in Cowbridge once a fortnight, either between 10am and 1pm for coffee and relaxation therapies or 2pm to 4pm for other activities such as speakers or trips out. Come and join us, bring a friend, for friendly, supportive and confidential get-togethers.

If you know anyone who might benefit from this group, call Anne on 01446 772843 or Judith on 01446 794176. We look forward to seeing you.

Witness appeal after traffic collision

SOUTH Wales Police is appealing for witnesses following a road traffic collision on the B4265 junction with Rockshead Lane, Fonmon.

The collision, which occurred at approximately 11.10am on Wednesday, June 20, involved a white Mercedes C250, blue Mercedes GLA and a Volkswagen Caddy Maxi. The driver and a passenger of the white Mercedes sustained serious injuries and the driver of the blue Mercedes suffered minor injuries.

Officers would like to speak with any witnesses who saw the collision, or the manner in which any of the vehicles were being driven prior to it.

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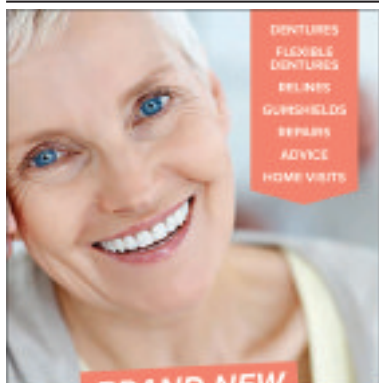
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'VALE MUST STOP LAND-GRAB OR MERGER'

A BARRY councillor has said local residents should be alarmed after the Leader of Cardiff Council said there was a case for the city to expand its borders into the Vale for future development.

At a full Cardiff Council meeting on June 21, Cllr Huw Thomas said that even if a Vale-Cardiff council merger didn't go ahead there was a case for expanding Cardiff.

Cllr Thomas told Cardiff councillors: "When I look at our development plan under a future development plan and when I look at the rate Cardiff is growing, there comes a point where there is no further land for Cardiff authority to expand into."

"In that regard, I think there is a case, perhaps not for a full merger with the Vale,

but for expanding the borders of Cardiff."

Earlier in the meeting Cllr Thomas had explained why he thought a merger would work.

"I am very open to merging. I think the old South Glamorgan footprint is a good footprint for a local authority and I think there is a significant area of cooperation that can be achieved."

Barry councillor Vincent Bailey said any suggestion of a merger or that Cardiff's border should move into the Vale would harden residents' opposition. He wants local residents to be consulted at the ballot before any merger can take place.

He said: "These comments are a wake-up call for us all, and we simply cannot allow Cardiff Council to turn the Vale into a building site."

"Even if they don't force the Vale to merge with Cardiff, it's clear that they plan a land

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grab on the authority's green spaces – presumably to build thousands of new homes.

"Either plan would place our precious green belt under threat, with nowhere safe from the threat of new housing."

"We've already been forced by the Welsh Government to build thousands of new homes over the next few years, but that figure would spiral if we had to take on Cardiff's share as well."

"It's my view that there should be no merger or land grab without the consent of local residents in a referendum – and by local residents, I mean Vale residents."

He added: "Whether you live in Barry, Llantwit, Cowbridge, or

anywhere else in the Vale, you should be extremely concerned by these comments, and a referendum might be the only way to stop ourselves from sleepwalking under the capital's bulldozers."

Llantwit Major councillor Gwyn John said that Cllr Huw Thomas was a schoolboy in the days of South Glamorgan and had little knowledge of how the Vale had suffered under the previous system.

"On South Glamorgan Council the Vale had a representation of 19 councillors compared with Cardiff's 62."

"Residents in the rural Vale were treated as second class citizens with concrete jungles being built at Llantwit

Major and Rhosce.

"Cardiff dictated where the development went while they benefited from the rates (council tax)."

"All the big spends went to Cardiff and we had no say. Our councillors battled hard with little success."

"It would be the same again – Cardiff wants the Vale under them because they will have the airport again and the budget under their control."

Cllr John said he believed that Cardiff City Council and the Welsh Government were working closely together on a Vale-Cardiff merger, but said if Cardiff wanted one so much it should look towards Caerphilly.

He added: "The Welsh Government have little knowledge of local government, after all, most of their members have never served at county or town level and know little of how we work."

New Vale parking charges?

New car parking charges in streets, car parks and coastal locations across the Vale are proposed in a 'car parking strategy report'.

A consultation is planned to start on August 6 and run until September 28. Vale councillor Ian Johnson said: "Myself and fellow Plaid Cymru town

centre Cllr Millie Collins will not support proposals for residents having to pay for car parking permits to park on their own street."

"I am also concerned that charging for car parking spaces will have a negative economic impact upon Barry town centre which is already facing a tough time."

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MP's marathon run helps domestic violence charity



ATAL Y Fro, the charity which supports families affected by domestic violence in Barry and the Vale, has received a substantial donation from Vale MP Alun Cairns.

The Vale MP took part in this year's London Marathon, with the aim of raising funds for both Atal Y Fro and NSPCC Wales.

Mr Cairns has now completed his seventh

marathon, finishing the 26.2 mile course in three hours and 56 minutes and his efforts have raised in excess of £10,000 for his chosen causes.

As a result, Atal Y Fro were presented with a cheque for £5,093 which will go towards supporting the work that they carry out helping those who have experienced or are experiencing domestic violence.

Mr Cairns said: "I am always inspired by the reasons why people decide to put on their

running shoes and tackle the London Marathon. Whether it is setting a new personal best, raising money for a charity or remembering someone special, it is always something to keep you motivated."

"There are so many worthy causes and this year I wanted to help Atal Y Fro, a charity that does extremely important work in supporting the victims of domestic violence across the Vale."

"I was delighted to discover that I had raised over £10,000 for my chosen charities and I am incredibly grateful to everyone who has donated. Both causes are really worthwhile and make a big difference to people's lives."

Atal Y Fro and NSPCC Wales join a host of other local charities sponsored by Mr Cairns during his participation in the London Marathon since 2012, including Breast Cancer Now and Ty Hapus.

PACT meetings

Meetings in Barry

WHY not come along to Gibbonsdown 'Cuppa with a Copper' which is held every Monday morning at the Aberaeron HUB, Aberaeron Close between 10am and 12 noon?

CADOC 'Cuppa with a Copper' will be held at Victoria Park Community Centre every Monday morning between 10am and 11am.

CASTLELAND officers will be holding a 'cuppa with a copper' at Atlantic Café

Wimbourne Road on Tuesday, July 3 between 12 noon and 2pm

BUTTRILLS PACT will be held on Thursday, July 5 at 6.30pm at the Barry Town Council Offices, Gladstone Road Barry.

GIBBONSDOWN PACT will be held at The Residents Board Office, Coychurch Rise Barry on Tuesday, July 10 at 10.30am.

Meetings in Penarth

PENARTH officers are holding a 'Drop in' session at Penarth Police Station between 4.30pm to 5.30pm on Thursday, July 5.

Meetings in the Vale

'CATCH up with the community' has been arranged for Friday, June 29 at the Gathering Place, St Athan, between 10am and 12 noon.

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Success at HM Coastguard volunteer recruitment day

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A spokesperson said: "We thank Bro Radio for

allowing us to be part of their morning show on Tuesday, reaching out to the local area.

"From the time we opened the station, we had a steady stream of people coming in, chatting with our team, looking at the variety of kit we use and learning a lot more about the

Coastguard.

"We were also pleased to welcome Alun Cairns, Vale MP and Secretary State of Wales, for a look around our station. It was a fantastic day in the sunshine.

"We wish all who are applying to join the very best of luck as we continue to provide the service to our local community."

After visiting the team, Mr Cairns described the Coastguard as "...key to ensuring safety along our coastlines".

He said, "The Coastguard plays a huge role in keeping people safe, especially at this time of year. We have seen some lovely weather recently but, unfortunately, with the increase in visitors comes an increase in incidents."

"We are incredibly fortunate here in the Vale that we have such a quick responding team to help those in distress and I would like to pay tribute to the volunteers who give their time to provide this vital service."

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ABP South Wales apprentice wins top award

JAMES POWER, a Level 3 apprentice at ABP South Wales, has been named a mechanical engineering 'Star of the Future' by the Construction Plant-hire Association (CPA).

'Stars of the Future' is a national award hosted by the CPA, where the best plant maintenance apprentices from around the UK are recognised for their achievements throughout their apprenticeships.

Over the past four years of his apprenticeship with ABP South Wales, James has split his time between the ports of Cardiff and Barry, while studying at Bridgend College.

Members of the ABP South Wales engineering team have passed their expert knowledge on to James, which has allowed him to learn a range of new skills, including how to service large pieces of port machinery.

This transfer of knowledge is part of ABP's commitment to developing future talent and will help maintain high levels of expertise in the ports, ensuring that



James Power, Level 3 apprentice at ABP South Wales.

they continue to provide outstanding services. Nathan Evans, Engineering Resources Manager, ABP South Wales, James beat nominees from across Engineering and Science, Wales to be named the regional award winner.

CREAM TEA

A VINTAGE cream tea will be held at Gileston Manor, near St Athan, on Sunday, July 8, from 2pm-4pm.

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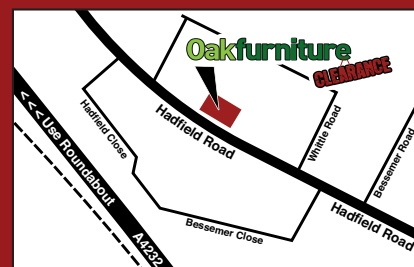
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He is a gorgeous, fun loving boy who is definitely one for the English Bull Terrier fans!

If you would like more information on Frank, then call into Dogs Trust Bridgend, CF31 4NG, call 01656 725219 or visit www.dogstrust.org.uk.

National Federation of Women's Institutes' Annual Meeting in Cardiff

THE 2018 National Federation of Women's Institutes Annual Meeting took place in the Motorpoint Arena on June 6 and thousands of members from all over England, Wales and the Islands came to Cardiff for this prestigious event in the Woman's Institute calendar.

Among them were over 300 members from Glamorgan Federation led by their chairman, Mrs Ann Davies.

The meeting began in true WI fashion with the singing of 'Jerusalem' and this year Glamorgan's director of music, Mrs Norma Morris had the honour of accompanying the members on the piano.

Mrs Lyn Stubbings, national chairman, officiated and in her informative address she reminded members that the WI was celebrating the 100th anniversary of the first resolution to have been passed in 1918.

This involved urging the government of the day to provide good housing in rural areas and the WI have been

campaigning on a wide range of issues ever since.

WI campaigns are about changing things for the better and tackling the issues that matter to members. WI members have embraced a diverse set of challenges and this year's resolution 'Mental Health Matters' was no different.

The resolution was thoroughly discussed later in the morning and was carried by 98 per cent.

Guest speakers during the day included Dame Stella Rimington and Mr Huw Edwards.

Members enjoyed listening to Dame Stella who is an author and the former director of MI5.

She talked about her early life and explained how a job in the MI5 office in India, where she was stationed with her husband in the 1960s, led her to a permanent position in MI5 when she returned to London and subsequently to become the first female director

of the service.

She was also the first person to be named on appointment, to pose openly for the cameras and to campaign for more transparency in the security services.

Mr Huw Edwards, a journalist and well-known broadcaster, entertained the members in the afternoon and he started by saying that he had recently presented the royal wedding to 14 million people around the world – but talking to 5,000 WI ladies was more scary!

He spoke about his work in the media and about the changes and challenges faced by everyone in the world of technology.

The meeting closed with the singing of the national anthems and Jerusalem.

Everyone agreed that it had been an excellent day and they were looking forward to the next annual meeting to be held in Bournemouth in 2019.

HISTORY TALK

RHOOSE and District History Society is hosting a talk by acclaimed author and historian Don Llewellyn on 'The Brains Behind the Mob', which is the story of Llewellyn Morris Humphries.

The event takes place at the rear hall of Rhose Community Centre, Stewart Road, on Friday, June 29 at 7.30pm. Tickets at the door: adults £1, child under-16, 50p.

New home for NHS Blood Bikes charity



Andrew Morgan of Blood Bikes Wales with Andrew Clark (left) and Phil Davies of Hospital Innovations.

A LEADING South Wales business has stepped in to help a local health charity which had been struggling to find new premises.

Previously based at Royal Glamorgan Hospital, site changes meant that the charity Blood Bikes Wales had to quickly find a new base.

Fortunately, Talbot Green-based Hospital Innovations was able to step in and offer them permanent new premises.

The services provided by Blood Bikes Wales are essential to the day-to-day running of the NHS. Based in south Wales, the Blood Bikes Wales services facilitate hospitals across the whole of Wales, the Midlands and south west England.

Providing their premises as an operations base for the charity is further indication of the commitment of Hospital Innovations to helping both the local community and the NHS in Wales provide essential services.

Blood Bikes Wales is a UK registered charity that provides the NHS with voluntary out-of-hours transport services, moving blood supplies, plasma, documents and other items between hospitals.

The services provided by the charity – which depends upon members of the community volunteering their spare time to the cause – ensure that the blood samples of cancer patients can be dealt with increasingly efficiently.

Blood Bikes Wales mid-area rep Andrew Morgan said: "The news that Blood Bikes will have a new permanent home is positive for both the charity and the community that we proudly serve."

"The hard work of our volunteers results in substantial savings for the NHS which can be used to deliver frontline patient care. The new relationship with Hospital Innovations provides certainty for the organisation and the vital voluntary services we deliver for years to come."

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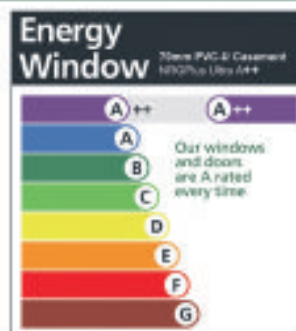


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Ramblers stay strong through the longest day

ELEVEN walkers including newcomer Paul M joined Joy at St Mary's Church in Wenvoe village on a beautiful warm sunny evening at the start of a three-mile walk celebrating the Longest Day or Summer Solstice.

All the stiles on this walk had been previously cleared by the group's Loppers and Choppers and the defects repaired by the Vale Council Public Rights of Way team for which the group are most grateful.

Heading through the subway and over a stream, a stile led them to Port Road and then over a locked gate into fields. Enjoying the views eastwards to St Andrews before heading out onto the road, a short journey led them back into long grassed fields and on through Garn to reach the busy Port Road.

Carefully crossing and making their way through a small wood on the perimeter of Wenvoe Golf Course, after clambering over several fallen trees, a rough path led them to Burdonshill Farm and along the stony dusty track before the coolness of Wenvoe Wood led to their return via Pound Lane.

Last weekend, the group celebrated their quarter of a century year with a walk followed by a barbecue at Porthkerry Country Park in scorching weather. Nineteen walkers joined Joy and Biddy near the viaduct setting off through the main meadow and up onto West Ridge for the journey up through the Whitelands Valley to Port Road.

Fields behind Blackton Farm brought them to the road and into Penmark for morning break in the lovely churchyard of St Mary's before the trek through wheat and rapeseed fields on the perimeter of Cardiff

Airport and by quiet lane to Nurston.

Making their way past the Highwayman and into Rhoeus village, the little bit of sea breeze they felt upon arriving at the coast was much appreciated as the heat was steadily rising and making their way to the southernmost tip of mainland Wales, everyone was glad to stop for a short rest to take on liquid. Then hotfooting it back through Porthkerry Leisure Park, the Bulwarks Iron Age fort and across the pitch and putt course led them back to the Forest Lodge where delicious food and drinks awaited the hot and hungry horde.

Most grateful thanks go to the Loppers and Choppers for the path clearing, Jan and John for gate-keeping, Anna for the delightful elderflower champagne, Josie for baking three delicious cakes with a gold star to chef Mandy and helpers Claire and Lainey who did all the hard work, cooking in the heat to round off a very special day.

On June 30, meet at 9am at Cogan Leisure Centre for an 8.5-mile mod/hard walk in the Garw Valley taking in Mynydd Llangeinwyr; contact Geraint on 029 2051 5278.

On July 4, meet at 8.30am at Cogan for a 14-mile mod/hard walk in the Carmarthen Fans; contact John R on 029 2070 8294.

On July 5, meet at 6.30pm at the Gorsedd Stones (rear of Romilly Park, Barry) for a 4-mile easy/mod tramp around the Knap and Barry Island; contact Joy on 01446 737131.

Wear suitable clothing, preferably boots and carry waterproofs, food and drinks. Some degree of fitness is required and if you are in any doubt, then please contact the walk leader for advice. Programmes and membership advice can be obtained from Pam on 029 2025 5102.

JOY STRANGWARD

Welfare advice

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An adviser from Age Connects Cardiff and Vale Welfare Rights Service will be available to chat to and help with form filling, on Tuesday, July 3 from 9.30am to 11.30am at The Age Connects Senior Health Shop, 38 Holton Road, Barry. No appointment is needed. For further information call 01446 732385; home visits can be arranged if needed.



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IT'S that time of year again, when the people of Barry converge onto Romilly Park for the annual Barry Scouts and Guides fete.

This year's fete, on Saturday, July 7, will be a perfect day out for all the family, with lots of entertainment, stalls, food and fun activities for everyone to enjoy.

During the fete there will be displays from local organisations Goshin Karate and Motion Control Dance as well as the Scout and Guide activities.

Entry to the fete is by a programme costing £2, which includes a free lucky prize draw to win £250. Gates will open at 12pm, with the official opening taking place at 1.15pm.

The fete is supported and organised by volunteers of Scouts and



Guides in Barry with all proceeds going to support the two movements which deliver fun-filled activities for thousands of boys and girls within Barry which costs over £120,000 a year to run.

If you wish for your child to join a Guide or Scout group in Barry, then come along to the fete and speak to any one of the adult volunteers for more information.

Likewise, if you wish to join the fun as an adult volunteer we can provide excellent training, free DBS

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We do hope you enjoy the fete this year, the first under our new district name 'Tir a môr' (Land to Sea) and will continue to support Scouting and Guiding in the future.

You can follow us for updates on our new website at tir-a-mor-scouts.org.uk or via social media: [facebook.com/BarryScouts](https://www.facebook.com/BarryScouts) and on Twitter.com - @BarryValeScouts.

GARETH JOHNS

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21st birthday celebrations in full swing for Y Bont



Former Y Bont attendee, and now a pupil at Hersonbridge, Garin Lang entertained all those present.

ON June 24, as part of its 21st year celebrations, local charity Y Bont hosted a fun day at Amelia Trust Farm, Barry.

Thanks to a grant from the BIG Lottery 'Awards for All' the event was a great success, enjoyed by past and present 'Y Bont-ees'.

Y Bont would like to thank all of the families and children who attended their 21st celebration day. Past and present families were able to get together, to swap stories and celebrate their children's

achievements. Thanks to the grant all were able to enjoy the free entertainment including, face painting, circus acts, bouncy castles, crafts and live music.

The music was provided by Gracie Richards, a supporter of Y Bont and Garin Lang, a past attendee of Y Bont.

Garin attended Y Bont as a child. Now aged 18, he is studying at Heronsbridge School.

Garin sang and played his guitar unaccompanied for two hours, entertaining the crowds with his fantastic voice.

Y Bont staffer Paula Daniel said: "It was an

absolute joy to see the children who have now grown into young adults and who are doing so well for themselves.

"It was lovely to catch up with Cellan Hall and his family; Cellan (who attended Y Bont as a child) has gone on to represent Wales in table tennis and is studying astrophysics at Cardiff University."

A spokesperson said: "The event was especially nice for other staff who have worked at Y Bont for many years and supported the children and their families. Many of the children now attend different schools and colleges, and it was so wonderful to see and hear all their individual achievements, they are truly an inspiration."

Y Bont would like to say a big thank you to everyone who supported the entertainment and activities at our event. These include: Mini Mayhem, Jo Gym Jams, Zumbini, Martha from Circus Eruption, Eli Trust, South Wales Photo Booths, Alana from Mini Miss Makeover, and Joanne our wonderful face painter.

A final special thank you goes to the Y Bont staff and volunteers, and the team from White Stuff, Bridgend, who all gave up their Sunday to help make this day a huge success.



The sun shone on Y Bont party.

Friends and Neighbours meet

FRIENDS and Neighbours held their June meeting at Beryl Road Pioneer Hall and Barry Councillor Leighton Rowlands, the Mayor of the Vale, visited the group and enjoyed the afternoon's planned programme.

The first part of the afternoon was a talk from Steve Huxter from the Older Persons, Wales Commissioner's department who gave an insight into what had been achieved during the last year, and also gave



leaflets to the members and answered questions.

A vote of thanks was given and Steve then chatted to the members over a cuppa. Entertainment then followed with 'Seren Arabi' who danced a selection of North African and Middle Eastern dances. The

members took part with swaying of veils and Steve took his part with the drum.

Cllr Rowlands, along with coordinator Gay Fifield, then took part which was well applauded. A vote of thanks was given to Seren Arabi.

The Mayor gave a

vote of thanks for the afternoon, saying how much he had enjoyed himself and that he was looking forward to coming again in July. Refreshments were enjoyed and members are looking forward to their trip to Evesham.

GAYE FIFIELD



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Air Ambulance charity receives boost from Iron Horse Society



MEMBERS of the Glamorgan Iron Horse Vintage Society went to Cardiff Heliport on June 19 to present a £600 cheque to the Wales Air Ambulance charity.

Members are proud to support the charity and have raised over £10,000 in recent years with a vintage tractor run from Cwm Risca Farm, Tondur, to Porthcawl earlier in the year.

Members had a tour of the Air Ambulance and a talk by Catrin Hall, Community Coordinator and the helicopter crew.

Welsh Conservative Leader slams the plans for Youth Parliament

THE creation of a new Youth Parliament for Wales could end up being a "missed opportunity," Welsh Conservative Leader Andrew RT Davies has warned.

Mr Davies, a supporter of the concept of the Youth Parliament, slammed several aspects of the proposals that he said would go against the project's aims and cause "further alienation and confusion".

Under the plans, the Youth Parliament will be split into four electoral regions, rather than the five the Assembly operates under. The Vale of Glamorgan has been placed into the South West Wales region, while Montgomeryshire is included in north Wales, a situation Mr Davies described as "absurd".

He has written to the presiding officer expressing his concerns, claiming that rather than engage more young people in politics, the plans would only serve to increase the disconnect between them.

Mr Davies said: "I am a strong

supporter of the concept of a Youth Parliament, which I believe is vital to engage more young people with the political and democratic processes in Wales.

"But it seems frankly absurd that rather than mirror the existing political structures and institutions, the format will be completely different.

"It will only serve to increase confusion and cause people to not take the new scheme seriously.

"It makes no sense for the Vale to be included in South West Wales and Montgomeryshire to be in north Wales. It seems to have been done on the basis of convenience instead of a desire to increase engagement.

"I have informed the presiding officer of my concerns and I hope action will be taken to address them. This is an exciting opportunity and one that we do not want to miss."

Water quality the topic for NFU Cymru

NFU Cymru members recently discussed water quality at a county meeting held at St Mary's Golf Club.

During the meeting, NFU Cymru Glamorgan County Adviser, Aled Davies, gave a presentation on water quality and the role that agriculture has to play in keeping waterways clean throughout Wales.

Members heard from Nichola Salter from Natural Resources Wales who gave a presentation on good and bad practice throughout Wales,

including the separation of clean and dirty water, as well as slurry control.

Nichola also told members about a self-regulatory approach to pollution incidents and how self-reporting any pollution issue was very important when it comes to containing the issue and will help when it comes to possible prosecutions.

Members in attendance heard from Farming Connect representative, Hannah Wright, who gave

an update on the advice and guidance available, as well as the various funding for on-farm investment, before hearing from Liz Price, the Wye and Usk catchment officer.

NFU Cymru Glamorgan County Chairman Gwyn Thomas said: "I'd like to thank all of tonight's speakers for taking the time to come and speak with us about this important issue."



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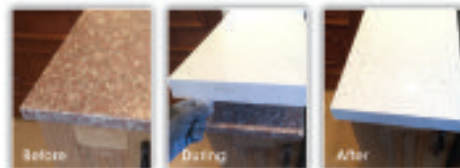


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Super Troopers 2 - BELATED SEQUEL PARTIES JUST LIKE IT'S 2001!

YOU may, or indeed may not, have heard of the Broken Lizard comedy troupe.

The American group built a live reputation in the mid-1990s before transferring their comedic skills to the big screen in 2001 with *Super Troopers*, a comedy about state troopers that showcased their irreverent humour.

Following *Super Troopers* up with slasher comedy *Club Dread* and 2006's *Beerfest*, the troupe seemed to have faded into obscurity after 2009's *The Slammin' Salmon*, but they're back with a bang in *Super Troopers 2*.

When a part of Canadian land is deemed to be American, and therefore under the jurisdiction of US state troopers, who better to call in than the worst of the worst - Thorny (Jay Chandrasekhar, who also directs), Mac (Steve Lemme), Rabbit (Erik Stolhanske), Foster (Paul Soter) and Farva (Kevin Heffernan). Given the task of liaising with the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, what could go wrong? It turns out, everything...

While *Super Troopers* was a cult hit, it never screamed out for a sequel. When you add to the mix the law of diminishing returns for the Broken Lizard gang, returning to Vermont's infamous group of troopers 17 years later seemed like a strange move.

It's a move, however, that just about pays off, the sequel behaving as if it's still 2001, tuned as it is to the comedy that was so prevalent around



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that time, and while it's married to a story that is perfunctory in the extreme, it still manages to raise a fair few laughs throughout its brief running time.

You don't necessarily need to have seen the first film to enjoy this one (one callback joke aside, meow), although it would give you an idea of the sort of bawdy comedy you can expect.

There's something both dated yet enjoyable about a comedy that doesn't feel the need to bog itself down in real world events, rather existing in a slapstick bubble of its own.

The plot, which sees the troopers up against mounties in a battle of wits and bragging rights, is merely a loose connecting tissue to tie a number of skits together, and while they don't always land with force, more often than not they'll raise a decent chuckle.

There are elements that feel tired or overdone - a routine involving impersonating the mounties and speaking pidgin French doesn't really work,

while Kevin Heffernan's Farva is an unflinching, OTT character that works best in small doses rather than the decent size portions offered here.

But Jay Chandrasekhar's direction knows its way around a comedic set-piece, and the script (written by all members of Broken Lizard) has certainly got the odd zinger in its locker.

The performances are all solid, the troupe themselves parlaying their chemistry into the roles and don't miss a step despite the massive gap between films, while Brian Cox's returning Captain O'Hagan sees the much-vaunted actor yet again showing off his funny bone.

Tyler Labine, Will Sasso and Hayes McArthur make a decent fist of the Mountie antagonists, Emmanuelle Chriqui is fine as the woman sent to oversee the land transition, and while on paper Rob Lowe playing a mayor known as the 'Halifax Explosion' should be great fun, in reality it's a small role that doesn't really go anywhere.

The film succeeds best when it enjoys freewheeling, paying little mind to the story and trying to raise laughs. When it gets shoehorned into moving the plot along, or trying to add some depth to proceedings (Chriqui's character falling for Stolhanske's Rabbit feels like padding) it doesn't really work. But considering the fear that this could have been an absolute disaster, the end result is a pleasant surprise, undemanding, daft and reasonably funny.

You won't be crying out for a trilogy-closer, but *Super Troopers 2* is a reasonably diverting piece of work.

VERDICT: An unlikely sequel, *Super Troopers 2* is a film that won't be to everyone's taste, but those who have a soft spot for early-noughties comedy, or the first film, will find something to enjoy here.

The plot is perfunctory, the production value low, but there are enough laughs here and the performances, in the main, are committed enough that you should get something out of it, no matter how small.

SEE THIS IF YOU LIKED: *Super Troopers* (2001), *Harold & Kumar Get The Munchies* (2004).

BRIAN LEE

WHAT'S ON, AND WHERE?

Cowbridge Art Society
ON Thursday, June 28 there will be an assisted workshop run by Bridgett artist and lecturer Claire Hiett which will involve techniques of monoprint and chine colle - a form of collage and mixed media printmaking.

It is the last formal meeting of the society as the following week will be the end of year social evening.

The group meet on Thursday evenings at the Old Hall, Cowbridge (7pm-9pm) and occasional visitors and new members are welcome. For details of the society's programme and activities collect a programme from the Old Hall, or see www.cowbridgeartsociety.com and www.facebook.com/cowbridgeart.

AM surgery
VALE AM Jane Hutt will be holding a surgery on Saturday, June 30 from 10am-11am at Barry Citizens Advice Bureau, 119 Broad Street.

Friends of the Earth meeting
THE next meeting of Barry and Vale Friends of the Earth will be at 7.30pm on Tuesday, July 3 in the Castle Hotel, Jewel Street, Barry.

Equity Release
DO you own your own home? If you are

interested in equity release and would like more information and advice, Age Connects are holding a session at their Senior Health Shop, 38 Holton Road, Barry on Tuesday, July 3 from 10am to 12 pm. No appointment needed, just come along and chat to an adviser. Call 01446 732385 for further information.

Arthritis group
A NEW Living Well with Arthritis support group has started in Barry at Age Connects Cardiff and Vale Senior Health Shop, 38 Holton Road, Barry.

If you have arthritis, whether you have been recently diagnosed or have been living with it for some time, we're here with information and support. The group is tailored to your needs and will help with information on diet, medication, Tai Chi, Yoga etc.

Sessions will be held monthly on Tuesdays from 1.30pm to 4pm; the next drop-in is Tuesday, July 3. Call 01446 732385 or to May (coordinator) on 07711 3669456 for further information - or just come along.

Trading standards
DO you have an issue related to Trading Standards? Age Connects Cardiff and Vale are holding a drop in information session on Tuesday, July 3 from 10am to 12 noon at Age Connects Cardiff and

Vale Senior Health Shop, 38 Holton Road, Barry. No appointment needed; contact 01446 732385 for further information.

Llanmaes village fete
LLANMAES village are holding their annual fete on Saturday, July 7 from 1pm to 5pm in conjunction with the Blacksmith's Arms beer festival.

Fun for all the family: photographic competition, Aberthyn Tractor Boys, Brian Moore's mouth challenge, craft stalls, coconut shy, face painting, bouncy castle, live music and barbecue. Come and join us!

Concert with a 'swing'
ST DONATS Chorale brings a festival of 'swing and jazz music' to its summer concert at St Illtud's Church in Llantwit Major on Saturday, July 7 at 7.30pm.

It will feature favourites from the days of Sinatra and Louis Armstrong, mixed with some famous gospel music. Refreshments and a raffle will go towards church funds.

Tickets (£10, concessions £5) from the choir's website www.stdonats.com, from Nickleby's Book Shop in Llantwit Major or on the door.

Councillors' surgery
LLANTWIT First Independent

Councillors will hold an advice surgery at the Heritage Centre, Town Hall, Llantwit Major on Saturday, July 7 from 9.30am until 11.30am.

Residents who have any issue to raise are welcome to attend.

Cream tea
A VINTAGE cream tea will be held at Gileston Manor, near St Athan, on Sunday, July 8, from 2pm-4pm.

A ukulele band will entertain and all proceeds will go to Gileston Church. Tickets (£7) to include entrance and cream tea; children free. For further information, call 01446 750416.

National Trust Association
THE Vale NT Association is delighted to announce a special event at Dyffryn House on Tuesday, July 10 at 11am in the Morning Room.

Colin Evans will share his memories of living in the house when he was seven years old during World War Two. If you are a member and would like to come, email infovalnt@gmail.com to include a contact email or telephone number as numbers are strictly limited. Many thanks to NT Dyffryn for letting

us use the house to really bring Colin's story to life.

Concert with a 'swing'
ST DONATS Chorale brings a festival of 'swing and jazz music' to its summer concert at St Illtud's Church in Llantwit Major on Saturday, July 7 at 7.30pm.

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Vintage show at Margam
GLAMORGAN Iron Horse Vintage Society are hosting a vintage show at Margam Country Park, Port Talbot (SA13 2TJ) from 10am - 4pm on July 7 and 8.

Come see the vintage tractors, stationary engines, military vehicles, classic cars and bikes.

Fundraising concert for children's charity

HARMONIOUS HARPS will hold their annual summer concert at Holy Cross Church, Cowbridge on Tuesday, July 3 commencing at 6.30pm.

The concert is in aid of LATCH, the Welsh children's charity. LATCH supports the children and their

families who are being treated by the oncology unit at the Children's Hospital of Wales.

The harpists would really appreciate the support of a large audience in order to raise funds for this worthwhile charity and are very grateful to Holy Cross Church for their help with this event.

We hope that the audience will give what they can; hence rather

than set a fixed ticket price, they will be able to give confidentially if they wish.

No tickets required in advance. Gift Aid envelopes will be handed out in lieu of tickets and there is no minimum donation required to attend.

The harpists performing include Megan Hastings, Beca Owen, Caitlin Morris, Cesia Rhys Lewis, Bryn Wardhaugh, Aneira Anderson, Seren Horsey, Gwenda Fitzpatrick, Eleanor MacNamara, Sara Jones, Cai Wardhaugh, Rhys Wardhaugh, Elinor Parsons, Morwenna Brown, Anwen Fardy, Nia Paddison Rhys, Nia Fenn, Carys Lewis and Etienne Langlois.

This year the children are joined by two adult learners, it's never too late to enjoy music, so please come along and support Harmonious Harps and LATCH on July 3.

Caroline Greenwood

Penarth Literature Festival this July

GRIFFIN BOOKS is hosting the seventh annual Penarth Literature Festival over the weekend July 6-8.

This year's LitFest will have a distinctly Welsh flavour, featuring events on Welsh history, landscape and art, as well as local authors and the ever popular broadcaster Roy Noble.

There will also be a bilingual Elmer-themed workshop for children and the return of the popular Poetry Showcase.

All tickets are £5 and under, and can be bought from ticketsource.co.uk/griffinbooks or by calling 02920 706455.

For more details of all LitFest events, visit griffinbooks.co.uk.

Brecon History tour BOOK REVIEW

Mal Morrison's pocket size *Brecon History Tour* (published by Amberley Publishing at £7.99) takes readers on a guided walk through the history of this Welsh town.

It is a cracking little book of 96 pages and 50 fascinating images that gives the reader a unique insight into the illustrious history of this ancient mid-Wales market town, and shows just how

much it has changed during the course of the 19th and 20th centuries.

Readers are invited to follow the local author as he guides them through its streets and alleyways, pointing out the well-known and lesser-known landmarks along the way.

It would be nice if the publishers could be persuaded to add a Cowbridge history tour to their series of historic tour books.

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LOCAL PUPILS PLAY THEIR PART IN VALE'S NEIGHBOURHOOD IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

PEOPLE living in the Colcot area are invited to volunteer at Margaret Avenue as part of the Vale's Timebanking project.

The Vale Council's Community Investment Team is responsible for developing a range of initiatives to engage tenants and enable them to gain new skills while building cohesive communities.

The team are working with Spice Time Credits to manage the scheme in the Vale. Time credits are earned by volunteering in your local community and they can be spent on activities and opportunities, or across the UK network.

Tenants have started taking ownership of their local neighbourhood areas such as Gibby Green Fingers, and the Margaret Avenue Community Garden in Colcot, Barry.

A group of pupils from Colcot Primary

school recently spent a morning with the Vale's Community Investment Team, painting tyres at Margaret Avenue Community Garden.

Vale Mayor, Cllr Leighton Rowlands, talked with Vale Council officers and pupils as they worked on improving the avenue.

Cllr Rowlands said: "It was great to see pupils and residents volunteering to improve Margaret Avenue. Transforming areas in the community such as this one, is a worthwhile cause, and I hope as many people as possible can volunteer their time and help make a difference to Colcot."

The Community Investment and Involvement Officers are inviting residents to a further volunteering event on July 3. A barbecue will be provided and residents can volunteer at Margaret Avenue from 3.30pm-6pm. Paint brushes will be provided on the day.

Community Investment and Involvement Officer, Mark Ellis said: "We are trying to get as many members of the community involved in transforming Margaret Avenue, as it is in the heart of the Colcot estate. The school children from Colcot Primary School and residents have worked hard today to paint tyres, railings, and put together equipment that will be used in the garden."

"I hope more residents can volunteer and join us on our next event on July 3 and help us to develop the area as once it is finished, it will be a place that residents can be proud of, and they can use the area every day."

For further information about the volunteering day, contact Shani or Mark, members of the Community Investment and Involvement Officers on 07813 068324.



Vale Mayor Cllr Leighton Rowlands painting tyres with Colcot Primary pupils.

Graduation from CAVC



Career Ready graduates with front centre (from left) CAVC Career Ready manager Tracy Bird, Ashton Hewitt and CAVC Career Ready apprentice Danielle Halford.

CARDIFF and Vale College played host to 25 students as they celebrated their graduation from its Career Ready programme with their friends, parents and mentors.

Professor speaks about dignity in care

PROFESSOR Baroness Iflora Finlay will be the next guest of Barry Arts Festival's Talking Points series, speaking at 10am in the Restaurant at Golau Caredig (the former Theatre Royal), Broad Street, Barry on Friday, June 29.

A professor of palliative medicine at Cardiff University, crossbench member of the House of Lords since 2001 and former Welsh Woman of the Year, Baroness Finlay is also vice-president of Hospice UK and Marie Curie Care.

Barry Arts Festival organiser, Dot Connell, said: "Baroness Finlay has been one of Wales' foremost campaigning public figures for many decades, and we look forward to hearing her speak about her work in research and at the House of Lords."

palliative care, care for those who are terminally ill, has made a huge difference to many families in Wales over many decades, and she has been hugely influential on public policy as co-chair of think tank Living and Dying Well and serving on the Select Committee on Assisted Dying for the Terminally Ill.

"This will be a fascinating talk for anybody interested in our health services and how we treat people in this country."

Tickets for this event are £5, including tea, coffee and biscuits, and can be ordered in advance from Dot Connell on 07982 319456 or dot.connell@virgin.net

Barry Arts Festival would like to thank Barry Town Council and Newydd Housing Association for their sponsorship of the Festival, which is now in its seventh year.

The graduation ceremony was held in The Classroom, the College's modern European restaurant with views across Cardiff at its City Centre Campus. Students were presented with a certificate for completing the programme by Welsh international and Newport Gwent Dragons rugby player, Ashton Hewitt.

The programme, run in CAVC by Career Ready manager Tracy Bird, is part of a UK-wide charity linking employers with schools and colleges to open up the world of work to young people aged 16 to 19. Learners at CAVC can apply to join the programme to run alongside their course and receive mentoring, masterclasses, workplace visits and internships.

Awards were also presented. The Career Ready Student of the Year Award 2018 was won by Dylan Eveleigh for his creativity, attention to detail, enthusiasm and potential.

The CAVC Career Programme expands year on year to include more courses. This year construction courses were featured for the first time and the Think Build Construction Student of the Year Award was won by Level 3 Enhanced Diploma in Construction and Built Environment learner Nia Jones.

"I'm very grateful for this award," said 17-

year-old Nia from Bridgend.

"I have received some fantastic opportunities and more people should get involved with Career Ready to learn skills for the world of work. The construction industry is growing massively and more girls need to get involved in construction as well."

The Outstanding Achievement Award was won by Lloyds Bank head of colleague engagement and insight Steve Pember for his work on the Career Ready Local advisory Board.

Tracy Bird said: "I am honoured and proud to celebrate the success of our Career Ready learners. These students embraced the opportunity to build a successful career path."

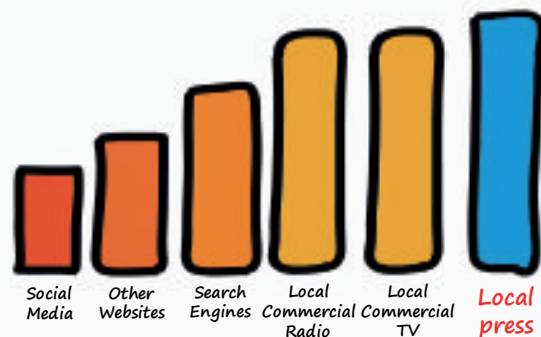
"Each one of them has been supported by mentors' masterclasses, workplace visits and internships. We have a significant role to play in enabling young people to deliver their potential and for us to deliver a skilled workforce."

"With help of our volunteers and supports we have achieved this, not only producing a skilled team of Career Ready learners, but also successful ones. Career Ready students of today are our future."



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Left to right: Sean Molino; Wesley Skene; Polly James and Gary Locket.

Local fitness award winners are honoured

Porthcawl Health & Fitness were winners on the night and from the club are (left to right): Vicky Evans, Banfield, Victoria Jones, Steven Powell, Gareth Charnock, Courtney Sims, and Heather Barnett.



ON June 20, the South Wales Fitness Awards were held at the Bear Hotel Cowbridge, hosted by Capital FM's Polly James.

The awards have been developed and launched by WS Marketing and Forces Fitness and are in association with Cardiff Now Magazine, Print INC, Absolute Performance, MuscLean Meats, and ISA Training.

The number and standard of applications for the

awards was outstanding. The winners for 2018's South Wales Fitness Awards are:

Personal Trainer of the year – Ray Morgan.
Fitness Club of the Year – Porthcawl Health & Fitness.
Fitness Entrepreneur of the year – Turn'd Up Fitness.
Trainee/Member of the Year – Sarah Cadogan.
Group Fitness Club/Class of the Year – Evolve Fit.

Fitness Event of the Year – INVCNBL.
The Community Award – Can Do Hub.
Fitness Support of the Year – One 2 One Fitness.
Contribution to South Wales Fitness & Society (honorary award) – Gary Locket.
South Wales Fitness Awards Champion 2018 – Porthcawl Health & Fitness.

The co-founder of the South Wales Fitness Awards Wesley Skene said: "In Wales we have some of the most dedicated fitness enthusiasts. We also have a vibrant and growing fitness economy."

His fellow co-founder, Sean Molino, said: "I'm proud to say that the evening was spent with the best the fitness industry has to offer, and that they are truly inspirational and a credit to Wales."

The evening was also an opportunity to raise funds for The Welsh Guards Charity. The Welsh Guards Charity supports and cares for past Guards upon their retirement from HM Armed Forces.

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'Don't tombstone – you're risking your life'

PENARTH and Barry Coastguard have issued strong warnings to people not to 'tombstone' in the extremely hot weather as it can lead to serious accidents.

'Tombstoning' is jumping over rocks, cliffs or walls into the water and people are often tempted to do it when they want to cool off.

In recent years there have been campaigns to warn people that they could suffer serious

injury and even death.

On Monday evening, Penarth Coastguard attending an incident at Mount Stuart Graving Docks where 35 youngsters were jumping into the water. They were throwing life rings into the water for their friends to use.

A Penarth Coastguard spokesman said: "Strong safety advice was given to both sets of youths and the life rings placed back in proper holders."

"Swimming or jumping into this area is extremely dangerous and can cause loss of life or serious injury."

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Angela Lee

Vale campaigners join London anti-Brexit march



'Together stronger' – echoes of the Welsh football team's Euro 2016 campaign in the choice of flag.



Left to right: Anna McMorrin (MP for Cardiff North), local business owner Sally Stephenson and her son Ben Stephenson at the march in London.

GEM readers may remember that an article in last week's newspaper announced the formation of a 'grassroots pro-EU campaign group' called 'Vale of Glamorgan for Europe'.

The writer of the article said that members of the group would be attending the 'People's Vote March' in London, on June 23. The GEM can confirm that a coach-load of members travelled to London.

Cowbridge shopowner Sally Stephenson said: "The organisers invited me to represent both the Vale and small business generally and lead the march from right at the front."

"I was interviewed by LBC, and we flew the Welsh flags high. Every photo taken of Parliament Square features our Welsh flag right at the front."

Fellow Cowbridge resident Jenny Shepherd said: "We joined many hundreds from all over Wales to form the Welsh contingent."

"According to some reports, 100,000 people from all walks of life and from all corners of the United Kingdom attended the march which called for a public vote on the final Brexit deal the Westminster

government negotiates with the European Union.

"We were pleased to be joined on the march by Cardiff MPs Stephen Doughty and Anna McMorrin, who, along with many other members of parliament, support a 'People's Vote'."

She continued: "We marched along Pall Mall, through Trafalgar Square and down to Parliament Square, passing Downing Street along the way."

She said it was her opinion that whichever way anyone voted in the Referendum two years ago, there is 'dissatisfaction' – both on the Remain and on the Leave sides – with the way the government in Westminster is handling the negotiations with Europe.

In the EU Referendum of June 23, 2016, Wales voted 53-47 per cent to leave the EU. In the Vale 50.7 per cent of voters chose to Remain, while 49.3 opted to leave. In Bridgend, 54.6 per cent voted Leave, while 45.5 per cent voted Remain.

'Brexit means Brexit' READER

WHEN former Prime Minister David Cameron announced his decision to hold a referendum on the UK's continuing membership of the EU, he claimed that it was a once in a lifetime opportunity for the British people to decide whether the UK should remain part of the EU.

It was he said a 'no ifs and buts' referendum but a simple case of yes or no. The majority vote would decide and that the decision would be implemented by Parliament. Under no circumstances he said would there be a second vote.

The Government booklet circulated to every home two months before the vote made it clear that leaving the EU meant leaving the single market. It also pointed out that leaving creates 'uncertainty and risk'.

Project Fear, spearheaded by the then Chancellor of the Exchequer George Osborne, supported by the Governor of the Bank of England and other self claimed financial experts went as far as to predict the end of the world as we knew it within 24 hours if the vote was to leave the EU. All types of claims and counterclaims followed, by those in favour of leaving and those in favour of remaining.

The majority of those who voted in the referendum were in favour of leaving and after a short time David Cameron, to his eternal shame, resigned as Prime Minister leaving the Government needing a new leader which delayed the process of

progressing with the EU withdrawal.

Soon it became apparent why David Cameron had resigned: he had failed in his duty as Prime Minister of planning for a 'no' vote, his misreading of the public view on the EU resulted in him betraying 17.4 million voters.

This lack of plan allowed the 'remainers' an opportunity to start the process of derailing the referendum decision. They started by belittling those who voted to leave by implying that they lacked the mental capacity to understand the issues involved, despite the government leaflet clearly stating those issues and by branding those voters as 'racist'.

Court actions followed, funded by remain supporters in attempts to delay/frustrate the process. Now, of course, we see the attempts by Parliament to micro manage the exit negotiations. Bearing in mind that for decades, Prime Ministers, with the notable exception of Margaret Thatcher, have signed away to Europe many responsibilities that should have remained within the UK with no reference to the electorate and with scant regard to Parliament.

This attempt by those elected members of the House of Commons and the unelected members of the House of Lords is nothing short of laughable. Is it any wonder that they are held in such low regard by the people they have been elected to represent?

The negotiations to leave the EU were always going to be difficult. Why would the EU co-operate with us when by us leaving, the EU loses our large financial net contribution and a member state that has willingly

accepted and implemented EU laws, rules and regulations, many of which have been to our detriment, with such enthusiasm?

Also, it must be remembered that EU bully boy tactics have frightened other EU members who have 'over stepped the mark' and they have jumped back into line!

From day one, the EU have refused all our attempts to reach an amicable parting arrangement and the EU risks the UK walking away from the negotiating table and leaving them with the mess they have created for themselves.

We mock the 'fake' democracies that exist around the world, where the electorate is used simply to endorse the wishes of their leaders and when the electorate fails to do so are ignored and often those who have expressed dissent find themselves under arrest.

Governments either govern with the will of the people, or chaos exists. Those who are currently engaged in attempting to derail the wishes of the electorate as clearly expressed in the 2016 EU referendum are engaged in very dangerous actions which will if successful derail the democracy of which we are so rightly proud.

If they are successful, what next?

Will they revisit the Welsh devolution decision when a wafer thin majority on one of the lowest turn outs in an election for many years resulted in the formation of a government for Wales?

If the situation that we face with this constitutional crisis was not so serious it would be considered farcical.

Gareth Jones, Colwinston.



ALUN Cairns, MP for the Vale of Glamorgan and The Secretary of State for Wales popped in to have a look at the Glamorgan Guild of Weavers, Spinners and Dyers' 'Have a Go day' which was held on June 16 in the Old Hall in Cowbridge.

He only popped in but ended up staying an hour! The Have a Go day

was run as part of the 40th anniversary celebrations by the Glamorgan Guild of Weavers, Spinners and Dyers. The '40' exhibition is on until June 29 with free entry.

The Guild is always looking for new members, as we need to keep these skills alive. The exhibition is intended to illustrate the importance of preserving our ancient making traditions.

Barry keeps Fairtrade seal of approval



BARRY Town's status as a Fairtrade town has been renewed for another two years, after the Fairtrade Foundation confirmed that Barry Town Council had met all five criteria for 'commitment to Fairtrade principles'.

The council has published an action plan which includes increasing the number of local businesses who promote Fairtrade products, engaging more with local community organisations and with the Wellbeing of Future Generations Act.

Fairtrade status is agreed by the Fairtrade Foundation, an organisation which licences more than 5,000 products.

The chair of Barry Town Council Fairtrade Advisory Committee, Cllr Ian Johnson, said:

"Wales is now celebrating its 10th anniversary of becoming a 'Fairtrade country' and I am very pleased that Barry's status has been renewed, thanks to sponsors, Barry Town Council, who are

providing administrative support.

"In Barry, we are very proactive in promoting Fairtrade. Events in recent years have included promoting Fairtrade at the Scout Fete, the Christmas Lights launch at High Street, Barry Town United football matches with Fairtrade footballs, and an exhibition on Fairtrade Gold.

Our campaigning work was recognised with an award from Hub Cymru Africa at their 2018 awards.

"However, there is a great deal of work to be done in our town to raise the profile of Fairtrade products so that Barry residents are aware of the range of goods available and where they can be bought."

The next meeting of Barry Town Council's Fairtrade Advisory Committee is at 6pm on Monday, July 16 at the Town Council offices next to the Memorial Hall on Gladstone Road. Any member of the public is welcome to attend.

For more information on Fairtrade in Barry, contact Barry Town Council Community Development Officer, Robyn Walsh, on 01446 704925.

Porthcawl writer's Book of the Year 'three-peat' triumph

PORTHCAWL poet and writer Robert Minihinnick has won the prestigious Wales Book of the Year award for the third time.

This time, it was for his book, published earlier this year, entitled *Diary of the Last Man* which focuses on the coastline around Porthcawl – from the River Kenfig to the River Ogmore.

Diary of the Last Man took two prizes on the night. First, he won the Roland Mathias Award



Robert Minihinnick

for poetry, and he then returned to the stage for the 2018 Wales Book of the Year Award – which comes with a prize of £4,000 and a specially commissioned trophy, designed and created by the artist Angharad Pearce Jones.

The prize is run by Literature Wales, the National Company for the development of literature in Wales, and was presented by the chair of the Arts Council of Wales Phil George, at a presentation evening at The Tramshed, Cardiff.

The book, *Diary of the Last Man*, was accompanied by a 30-minute film, by Eamon Bourke, which has now been shown a number of times in Porthcawl, at the Hay Festival and many other venues.

Litter strewn in Barry



Image by Jayne Davies.

THE scourge of litter never seems far away from local beauty spots.

Jayne Davies captured this image on Monday, June 25 of an abandoned picnic in Porthkerry Park.

She posted the image on the council.

'Spotted Penarth Barry Sully Dinas' page on Facebook.

A number of people were shocked at the anti-social nature of those responsible, but also pointed out the danger litter poses for wildlife.

The litter was reported to the

Atal y Fro meets Police Crime Commissioner



ATAL y Fro charity is welcomed Alun Michael, the South Wales Police and Crime Commissioner and Vale AM Jane Hutt for a briefing on the pioneering work the

is undertaking in the Vale to tackle violence against women and domestic abuse.

Ms Hutt said: "As Patron of Atal y Fro, I welcomed the visit by the Police and Crime

Commissioner to meet the staff team and hear the work being carried out to provide vital support services and refuge, as well as preventative work in the community in partnership with local agencies."

Dinas councillors defeated in bid for new route

DINAS Powys councillors say they are 'frustrated' that no alternative route to Murch Road and Crescent has been found for construction vehicles that will be heading for the former St Cyres site where 215 houses are due to be built.

Months of negotiations and site meetings to find another route have drawn a blank.

Dinas councillor Andy Robertson said: "Two weeks ago we won an important battle, but it turned out to be a pyrrhic victory.

"The Vale planning committee voted unanimously to refer the matter of the construction traffic management plan back to officers on the understanding that our four local councillors would have to affirm any solution.

"We really thought the village had been thrown a lifeline. We worked around the clock to find an alternative access that would not have cost the developers a penny.

"But they seemed determined to use what most people consider not just a difficult but potentially dangerous route down Murch Crescent and over the railway bridge past the infant school.

"We had various meetings with land-owners only to discover they'd

been told all sorts of things to put them off agreeing to a deal to cross their land.

"Health and safety was given as one reason when the developer has been using the same route with their St Joseph's School, Penarth housing project for months. In the end we've had to concede."

He pointed out the original planning was granted by the previous administration with different local representation.

"If we'd refused to grant the final planning the developer would have been able to appeal to the Welsh Government Planning Inspectorate and almost certainly had it over-turned. "That could have cost council taxpayers over £100,000 in legal fees."

Cllr Robertson said the whole incident had left a 'very bad taste' with all his colleagues and they would scrutinise movement on the route at every move.

"The traffic plan makes clear no construction vehicle can use the route from 30 minutes before and after the two schools on the route start and finish daily. We shall be watching to make sure this rule is adhered to the minute."

The GEM approached the developers for a response but had not received one at the time of going to press.

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CAREMARK HOSTS CUPCAKE DAY



CAREMARK The Business Cardiff and The Centre on Cardiff Road.

The event was a success with carers, service users and other local businesses all attending the event where they raised £203.50.

Sharan Dhaliwal, managing director at Caremark Cardiff & The Vale said: "We want to say thank you to everyone who came and supported us on our bake sale."

"A special thank you to Zinia Johns, Eva Thomas, and Victoria

Witts for mixing, whipping, beating, baking, icing and for dedicating their time and energy.

"Alzheimer's and dementia are devastating conditions and we hope our fundraising efforts will help those affected by it the most."

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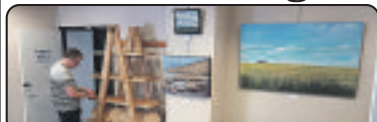
Helicopter search

THE police helicopter was deployed on Wednesday morning, June 27, to help in the search for a person wanted in connection with a number of offences in the Barry area.

Jamie Brown, aged 31, of Barry, is wanted in connection with a number of offences including criminal damage and the theft of a motor vehicle.

If anyone has any information on the whereabouts of him then they should call the police on 101 quoting reference number 18001-00659. Alternatively, people can call Crime stoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111.

Artists' brief stay in Cowbridge



LOCAL artists David Jones and Ian Howells have taken the Old Hall pop up shop in Cowbridge to stage an exhibition of their work until Sunday, July 1.

They are displaying recent examples of their work to stimulate interest and hopefully gain commissions. David produces hand crafted wooden furniture and Ian specialises in paint effects, murals and large scale artworks.

Both grew up in Cowbridge and still live locally.

Tidal lagoon vote for Alun Cairns

AS The GEM was going to press, Vale MP Alun Cairns, who is Secretary of State for Wales, was facing a vote of 'no confidence' in the Welsh Assembly.

It follows a decision by the UK Government not to back the Swansea Bay tidal lagoon project.

Mr Cairns is an MP and can't be forced to resign by an Assembly vote – but his opponents see the vote as symbolic and want to highlight what they believe is Westminster's indifference to projects in Wales.

More on this story in next week's GEM.

Barrivale Community Aid

AS one of Barry's oldest community clubs we have some places available for new members.

We originally met at Rondell House, but had to move to Gwenog Court some time ago.

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We meet every Thursday evening and have entertainment from local artists. We also have transport which can be used from our members' homes (at a small cost).

Jane Hutt has been a long time supporter of our club.

PR Walker

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Looking back at a day when Barry Island hosted the festival of transport road show

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THE recent Barry Festival of Transport was, once again, a massively popular event.

Some of the best-kept and most striking vintage cars in Wales and England made the trip, and there was great demand for trips in the collection of vintage buses that were assembled.

At the 'Barry at War' museum, there was even a 1940s fashion show! (See photos below).



Penarth woman (95) warns about 'ghastly' scammers

A 95-year-old Penarth woman has spoken out after being conned three times by fraudsters claiming to be police officers.

South Wales Police are investigating a number of incidents where fraudsters pretending to be police officers have called mainly elderly and vulnerable people, claiming that there has been fraudulent activity on their accounts.

These fake officers give fake badge numbers and use the bogus phone number 161 to convince the victims that they are real officers. Penarth resident Margaret Turner, 95, is the most recent victim of this scam. She has been targeted three times in the past 10 months by fraudsters who have taken almost £20,000 from her.

During the first incident, a fraudster claiming to be from the HSBC fraud investigation team called Miss Turner saying her account had been compromised. He advised her to withdraw her money and deposit it into the account numbers he provided.

He gave her a telephone number for the Metropolitan Police Service for her to be able to verify the call. The fraudster kept the phone line open so when Miss Turner called the police number she was still talking to the fraudster.

Miss Turner transferred £5,500 in this case which she was able to get back.

The second incident was in May of this year - Miss Turner was called by a fraudster claiming to be a sergeant with the serious fraud squad. He told her there was a problem at her bank with fraudulent notes and advised that she withdraw her money.



Margaret Turner
has been badly
affected by her
experience.

mornings. I was anxious to get rid of him so I said alright and did this, that and the other to get rid of him. I did all that he wanted me to do.

"I realised what was happening when I got a printout from the bank and I was in the red. I can't think how I was so stupid.

"It's a ghastly thing to do to anybody but unfortunately there seems to be a lot of them around.

"My message to other people who receive a call of this nature is to tell the police at once. Don't give the fraudsters anything."

Detective Inspector Terry Hopkins said: "I cannot stress enough how sophisticated and well-rehearsed these scammers are, and any one of us could fall victim to their con if we are not vigilant.

"This is a callous and cruel crime preying on our most vulnerable in society. Miss Turner, a 95-year-old former teacher, has been targeted three times in the past 10 months.

"These incidents have had a profound affect upon Ms Turner and has left her questioning who she can trust.

"Operation Signature is in place to investigate these fraudsters. Officers have been working with local banks and the local authority to raise awareness and to report any suspicious activity.

"The message is clear - the police will never contact you in this manner - we will never ask for money. All calls of this nature are a scam, and the person receiving the call should hang up as soon as possible.

"I would urge all residents to share this message and raise awareness of this scam.

"Anyone who receives any suspicious calls should let us know by calling 101."

Fear of pollution in Dinas stream

DINAS POWYS residents have complained about a dreadful smell coming from the Eastbrook stream near Fairbairns.

Local community councillors think that a lack of rain and the very hot weather has made the smell far worse. They have looked into the problem and it could be a faulty sewer connection.

Plaid councillor Keith Hatton said that the situation was very unpleasant. "We have contacted Natural Resources Wales and the Vale Council. NRW staff report that there is probably a faulty connection to a surface water sewer.

"This means that that foul water is being discharged into the stream. The current lack of rain has highlighted this pollution.

"We have been promised that both Welsh Water and NRW intend to 'complete a visit' to the locality to find the problem. Then they aim to resolve the misconnection."

Fellow Plaid councillor, Chris Franks, added: "When there was a good flow into the stream the problem was not so obvious to residents.

"We fear that for some time foul water has been polluting not only Eastbrook but also the Mill stream/River Cadoxton.

"There is quite a lot of wildlife in these streams and pollution is unacceptable. Then there is the threat to people's health especially if children paddle in the streams."

Hannah Goddard, Environment Officer at Natural Resources Wales said it had launched an investigation last week.

"We work to keep people and wildlife safe from environmental risks such as pollution.

"Our officers responded last week to a report of a potential pollution incident in Eastbrook stream near Fairbairns in Dinas Powys.

"The investigation is currently focussing on activities at a nearby premises, but it is too early at this stage to confirm what the exact cause was.

"We are continuing to monitor the area and are working closely with Dŵr Cymru Welsh Water who are assisting us with our investigations."

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IT'S a shame that the tradition of taking a trip on the water from Penarth, Barry and Porthcawl to Minehead, Lymouth, Ilfracombe and beyond seems a thing of the past now – apart from a brief visit of paddle steamer *Waverley* later in the summer.

When many years ago I – with others – created the Penarth and District Local History Society, a wonderful gent of over 80 years told me the story of the 'Cock of the channel'.

That ship was the Barry Railway Company's *Gwalia*. Another of the John Lewis collection of photos of a hundred-plus years ago captures an early morning sailing from Penarth Pier – on a spring tide – heading down channel to the likes of Barry, Minehead, or Clovelly and Lundy – even possibly Tenby. Plus five star cuisine (at affordable prices) and time ashore!

The paddle steamer *Gwalia* and her sister ship *Devonia* were built



The Gwalia leaves Penarth from the pier.

at John Brown's shipyard at Clydebank in 1905, along with famous transatlantic ships.

They were constructed for the Barry & Bristol Channel Steamship Company registered at Cardiff (read Barry Railway Company) in direct competition with P&A Campbell Ltd's White Funnel Fleet.

The Red Funnel Fleet consisted of paddle steamers *Gwalia*, *Devonia* and *Westonia*, complemented in 1907 by the *Barry*. The last mentioned ship was the subject of a fascinating article in The GEM a few months ago.

In this photograph, early in the morning and against the sun with a brisk breeze behind her – the *Gwalia* is off at full speed – about 20 knots plus the pull of the ebb tide.

No doubt the aficionados of the White Funnel Fleet would insist that their flagship *Britannia* or *Cambria* could match the speed of *Gwalia*. Apologies – I'm too young to remember.

After years of legal wrangling the Campbell brothers, Peter and Alex, forced the Barry Railway to adhere to their terms of trade, which meant that all trips of their steamers had to start and finish at Barry Pier; and despite the all tide pontoon and adjacent railway station, this was not sufficient to keep the Red Funnel Fleet in business.

The shareholders of the Barry Railway Company had enough of mounting losses and demanded the ships be sold.

Enter Peter and Alex Campbell. Their policy was to acquire any competitors' ships when they were available, thereby keeping control of the channel excursion business.

As a result, three of the Red Funnel paddles steamers became White Funnelers. Bar one – *Gwalia*. She was sold to the Furness Railway, based in Barrow in Furness and re-registered there under her new name *Lady Moyra*, after the daughter of one of the directors.

There she stayed until re-emerging after the First World War for WH Tucker & Co of Cardiff in direct competition with P&A Campbell of Bristol.

They added to their fleet the *Lady Evelyn* and, remarkable for the time, a twin screw vessel *Robina* in attempting to revive the all-year-round packet steamer between Cardiff and Bristol – previously the domain of famous paddle steamers *Velindre* (there's a pub in Bristol that still holds the name) and the *Marchioness*.

It didn't work and Tuckers put their ship up for sale and the Campbell brothers happily purchased it at a low price!

With Campbells also operating on the south coast of England with daily trips across to France it was decided in 1933 to re-name *Gwalia*, ex-*Lady Moyra* after a famous Campbell steamer lost in World War One – *Brighton Queen* and the *Lady Evelyn* was re-named as the *Brighton Belle* – of John

Betjeman's poetry fame. Alas, all the Red Funnel lines steamers, now wearing naval colours, were lost in the Second World War apart from *Westonia* which was re-named *Tintern*. *Brighton Queen* was bombed and sunk on June 1, 1940 though credited with saving 160 men in Operation Dynamo from Dunkirk.

Brighton Belle hit underground wreckage in the same operation and also sank, but with help of the famous *Medway Queen* – now under restoration – saved all on board plus the captain's dog!

To finish, the Cock of the Channel *Gwalia* at 245 feet in length and 29 feet on the beam was bigger than the mighty *Bristol Queen* – along with sister ship *Devonia* (bet the aficionados with pull me up on this!).

But there was one drawback – both ships were very fast, but also very heavy on fuel consumption (coal). *Devonia* had already been withdrawn before World War 2.

The 'golden era' of excursion trips had long gone. The fact that sea trips have still been part of our coastal tradition for so long is through a lot of enthusiasts and extraordinarily clever management. Short of some white knight it now is becoming a fond memory...

Many thanks to Becky and Martin from Penarth Library from their assistance.

Sky Notes for July

THE Milky Way is no longer right overhead as it now runs more or less from the northern horizon, right down towards the south-eastern horizon.

The binocular user will find seeking this marvellous sight well worth the effort. High up we find Hercules.

The constellation is quite large, but does not have a bright star like Cygnus or Lyra. However, it does have one glorious object that is worth hunting down.

To locate it first find the very bright blue star Vega in the constellation of Lyra, and Hercules will be to its right.

Look for four stars in a 'squares' shape, this bit represents its shoulders and waist. Put the binoculars on the bottom right-hand star and move the binoculars slowly towards the star directly above. Before you reach this star, you should find a small fuzzy blob.

20,000 light years away. The individual stars are packed so tightly together I doubt if any planet, moving around an individual star would ever truly have a dark night-time sky.

Closer to home, perhaps more meteorological than astronomical, July is a good time to seek out noctilucent clouds.

These are really the only type of cloud astronomers like to see. They are only visible during our summer nights. They will only be seen low down in the north western or north eastern sky, after the Sun has set. Around midnight is a good time to look.

They will appear, white or blue and can have a kind of herringbone appearance. They are around 80 kilometres high and we think they are formed when dust from meteors sticks to ice crystals, but little is known about them. In fact, before 1885 we have no records of any sightings.

Low down on the southern horizon you will see the bright naked-eye star Antares, in the

constellation of Scorpius. This red supergiant is about 100,000 times as luminous as our Sun. It lies about 500 light years away and has a temperature of around 3,500 degrees Kelvin. It is also known as the rival of Mars.

In the first few days of the month you can check this out because around midnight the Moon and Mars will rise close to each other, then on July 28 the Moon will be to the left of Mars. Compare colours of Mars and Antares.

But the month saves the best treat for the end! On July 27 at around 9.30pm the full Moon will rise but looking decidedly different.

The Moon will be totally eclipsed. It will be in the Earth's shadow and may take on the colour of orange or red. Totality ends about 11.20pm.

Do keep an eye on the Barry Astronomical Society website for details when we will be in Porthkerry Park to observe the night sky. www.barryastronomical.wordpress.com

DAVE POWELL

IT success for CAVC students

CARDIFF and Vale College recently hosted WorldSkills UK heats in IT and students came away with six medals and two of the winners will be going to Birmingham for the WorldSkills UK finals in November.

CAVC was the only Welsh college to enter students in the Cyber Security contest. Mateusz Kolacki won gold, while Kyle Woodward came away with the silver medal.

Morgan Whitehead and Tomek Pawelek won gold and silver respectively in IT Technician. Melvin Saji won gold in Networking Systems Administrator while Fatoumata Makalo came away with the bronze medal in IT Software Solutions for Business. Both Mateusz

Kolacki and Kyle Woodward will go on to the WorldSkills UK finals in November following their success in the Cyber Security finals.

"The competition was well done – I liked the idea of the Capture The Flag where we had to hack into different systems and look for tokens," said Mateusz.

"I had less than a month for any preparation and had to go against an experienced competitor, but I'm glad I was able to be the first winner for CAVC and I'm looking forward to the UK finals."

Kyle added: "We had to do some intensive training to cover as much as possible in the little time we had. I was pleasantly surprised when I won silver in the competition and am looking forward to challenging myself further at the UK finals in November."

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Golf club supports Velindre

FORMER magistrates, Southerndown Golf Club president Derrick King and immediate past captain Paul Porter, teamed up to put on a charity golf day at the golf club this summer to raise funds for Velindre Cancer Centre.

Since then they have arranged a charity luncheon to swell the funds, which were also boosted by support from all quarters of the club.

Derrick and Paul made a joint presentation to Dr Arif, Senior Oncologist at Velindre Hospital of a cheque for £18,000 at Southerndown Clubhouse.

Dr Arif said: "The money would be ring-fenced in connection with bowel cancer, the disease which appears to be more prevalent than ever, and in all age groups."

Head of fundraising at Velindre, Andrew Morris, and Kylie McKee, deputy head of fundraising, were also present, both of whom

expressed their wholehearted thanks for the club's tremendous efforts.

Derrick said "Paul and I set out to raise £5,000 for the charity but after the huge initial response, it quickly changed to £10,000, but money kept coming in."

"We eventually achieved this magnificent sum of £18,000 for Velindre Hospital, and for the consultants, doctors and staff who have been so kind to me over recent years."

Derrick and Paul went on to thank everyone at

Southerndown for their kind sponsorship and donations which had been quite remarkable in the relatively short time span.

They said: "It would be our wish, that as laudable as fundraising

for cancer was in our locality, perhaps more could be raised for local charities such as Velindre, so that money raised could directly benefit people in our community."

AM



Ladies take on the seniors!



RECENTLY, the ladies of Cottrell Park played their annual competition against the seniors.

The weather was dreadful, continual drizzly rain for the 18 holes, but they soldiered on against the elements but lost very badly to the men.

Lady captain Lorraine Pointon-Bell presented the seniors' captain, Bruce Rankin, with the shield, who accepted it very graciously - maybe the ladies will get their revenge next year!

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Karate students shine at championships



VALE Karate, now based at Barry Leisure Centre, has run a special needs class for more than 10 years, with many students with a range of challenges having enjoyed the benefits of karate training.

It is a decade since chief instructor Rob Copeland won the Sport Wales' coach of the year and coach to disabled sportspeople award.

However his work providing and promoting opportunities for young people with special needs has continued, and every Tuesday Vale Karate has a class for young people with special needs.

Bradley James and Lucas Widdrington both started their karate in this class, but now train regularly in Vale's mainstream classes and last week were members of the Karate Wales squad which entered the WUKF World Championships for all ages.

This took place at the Ice Arena in Dundee from June 14-17 when more than 2,300 athletes from almost 50 countries from around the World took part.

Bradley entered in the learning disabilities under-15 category and Lucas was in the same grouping for the over-15s.

On the day of the finals, the competition was suspended in order that the crowd of over 3,000 could enjoy the events and when the dust had settled, Lucas had earned a bronze medal and Bradley was announced as WUKF world champion!

Closer to homes, there are great opportunities within Wales, as the Karate Wales Open which takes place in Merthyr in July and the Welsh Karate League both have special and para-kata categories.

For information on the classes, call Rob on 07986 872953.

RC

Handbags at dusk for Brynhill ladies!

BRYNHILL Golf Club ladies' captain, Mrs Sam Pascoe, had her prize day on a beautiful sunny day on June 12.

The scoring was high, due to the balls running on excellent fairways.

The ladies' captain hosted the evening presentation of her prizes and supplied cheese and wine for the returning players. The anticipation of results, and the atmosphere in the club, was fantastic, as it always is.

Sam thanked all the ladies who entered her competition. She also thanked all Brynhill staff involved in her day; then the winners were announced.

Silver division winner of a beautiful handbag was Mrs Julie Harking with 39 points and bronze division winner, again with a beautiful handbag, was Mrs Jenny Pateman with 40 points.

Both ladies were much-deserving winners and were both pleased with their prizes.

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17 67 CITROEN C3 1.2 Pure Tech Flair 5dr, Citroen warranty Oct 2020, Bluetooth, cruise, reverse camera, 4k, grey

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 17 66 MERCEDES A180d SE 5dr, Mercedes warranty Jan 2020, reverse camera, 20k, met green, full leather£14995
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 16 16 MERCEDES C220d AMG Line Premium 2dr 9G-Tronic Plus, Mercedes warranty April 2019, panoramic roof, sat nav, 18" alloys, 19k, white, full leather£25995
 15 15 MERCEDES C300h CDI BlueTEC Hybrid AMG Line 4dr 7G-Tronic Plus, panoramic roof, 18" alloys, sat nav, 24k, grey, full leather£22995
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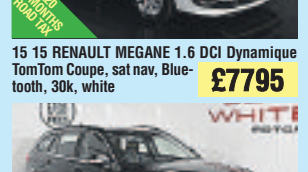
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DS7 Crossback leaves reviewer smitten!

THIS road test puts me in the driving seat of the DS7 Crossback. First off, the DS7 is a great looking car with some wonderful swooping lines that flank its sides.

Then there is the all-powerful front end that sticks right out to help draw your attention towards its stunning looks.

Then just when you think it's all over, you go and take a look at the back and it gets even better. Gone are the smooth lines most cars have at the rear, and hello to the chunky, formal and sharp details you only really ever see on the likes of Audi or BMW. Well, I have to admit, I'm smitten with the DS7 and I haven't even got behind the wheel yet.

Power and efficiency

THE DS7 I have on the test is powered by a turbocharged 1997cc, four-cylinder diesel engine that has 180HP on tap, which also happens to boast a very respectable top speed of 134mph, plus a 0-62 time of 9.9 seconds.

Fuel consumption is also very good with a combined figure of around 57.6 mpg.

A big sticking point for the DS7, though, is its 400Nm of torque which allows it to pull very well

from pretty much any gear thanks to a brilliant eight-speed automatic gearbox that does a proper job of changing up and down the gears at a decent rate with minimal fuss.

Then there are the brakes, which feel good and firm and will stop you as good as the best of the best. I don't think I'm going too far in saying this really is a 'mover' – a car that shoots along thanks to all that torque.

Plus, I was in France recently in the DS7 with my family, and it was fully kitted out with four cases and enough clothes to put Primark to shame, but the DS7 just took it all in its stride.

On the road

FIRST off, it has a great chassis, along with a suspension setup that you know has taken DS Automobiles many hours of testing to get it just right.

The steering is also direct and the grip levels are good, which means the DS7 feels tight and taught into the corners. The DS7 was also fitted with some serious 20" alloys, which you would assume would have a big effect on the road – but actually, it was the total opposite of anything I expected.

So just to be clear, it's controlled, poised, settled



and a real pleasure to drive. You can keep your 100k cruisers, the DS7 is just the ticket.

Interior and technology

THE interior is also of outstanding quality with features such as quilted seats and interior details that, frankly, look stunning.

Plus there are lots of chrome fittings and clear displays. Along with a decent amount of standard equipment such as hill start assist, DS active scan suspension, driver and front passenger lateral and curtain airbags, keyless entry and start, remote tailgate opening, bi-zone automatic air conditioning, lane departure warning, speed limit recognition

warning, active blind spot detection and DS pilot park.

Additionally, on the inside, you also get a good amount of top of the range kit to keep you happy, such as eight speakers, 12.3 inch digital instrument cluster, DS-Connect Nav, Bluetooth hands-free, Focal Electra hi-fi system, LED daytime running lights, DS active LED vision, DS 3D LED rear lights and as an optional extra, something called DS night vision pack, which is amazing and is able to identify pedestrians and animals over 50cm tall up to a distance of 100m. All of this helps improve visibility during night time driving.

In summary, I'm going to give the DS7 five stars in this test, not only because I like its looks, but because I believe it's a brilliant car with bags of extras and a great engine that's tied to a very good chassis and quite frankly a brilliant eight-speed automatic gearbox.

The DS7 is finally a car I can fall in love with on looks alone. It's great to see DS Automobiles doing some fantastic designing, and its really paying off in the looks department.

Price: From £39,380 (basic OTR RRP).

TONY YATES

Brynhill ladies help Val celebrate her birthday!

Mrs Val Weir, a retired Barry primary school teacher, has been playing golf at Brynhill since the 1960s and is a still a much-respected club member.

The Thursday golf league, organised by Mrs Nicci Case and Mrs Diane Tapscott, decided to celebrate Val's special day at the club with the ladies.

Mrs Julie Harkin baked and iced a delicious cake, which everyone enjoyed.

Mrs Glynis Gould, did a pencil with watercolour wash picture of Barry Castle for Val, which she loved.

Val, thanked everyone for her flowers and presents and for helping her celebrate her 90th birthday at the golf club.

Pictured are: Mrs Nicci Case, Mrs Val Weir and Mrs Diane Tapscott.



SEAVIEW LADS ANGLING NEWS

MAY and June have seen the fish return to our shores with rays, hounds and dogs in abundance.

It has been nice to see weights in the pounds rather than ounces and we look forward to this continuing.

On a Sunday competition fished on June 10, eight anglers shared a bumper catch of hounds and rays with Joe Gallivan taking first place with over 32lb of fish!

Mike Langford could only come second with over 24lb while Aida

Harris' bag of 11lb and Kevin Sala (9lb 11oz) took third and fourth.

Other notable days include a competition fished a few weeks earlier on May 27, when Joe again took the honours with a winning weight of almost 16lbs. Runners-up were Steve Williams, Aida Harris and Ollie Williams.

The boats have fished well with some excellent rays and hounds, along with some nice huss, and even ling and specimen rockling being landed.

Lots of events are planned for the coming months and it's nice to see the fish coming out at last to join the 40th anniversary celebrations!

JC

Brynhill Golf Club latest scores and results

PERRY, Rees, Jones and Johnson may sound like a respected firm of solicitors; however they are in fact the winning team at Brynhill Golf Club, in Saturday's Texas Scramble.

A score of 59.3 was good enough to see off the competition in this fun golfing format.

Sunday saw the Bob Hope Trophy played for over a difficult, sun-baked course that saw the standard scratch

cranked up to 73.

It didn't deter Greg Mills who carded a fighting 68 to nick first place, by one shot, from young prospect Ralph O'Carroll.

Meanwhile, the Tennessee Cup scratch competition was won by pocket rocket Jamie Griffiths who scored a fine 74.

This Sunday sees a return to four ball, better ball format, with the Junior Gold Cup up for grabs.

ND

Tide turns for Sully bowlers

LAST Wednesday, Sully bowlers travelled to Dinas Powys, past national champions and the side who, a few weeks earlier on two rinks, had an easy win, so nothing was expected.

How wrong this proved with a side, half of which were automatic selections because they didn't play on the Saturday, this was a great result.

At six ends the home side were 23-19 up but Sully started to find the pace of the green and by 12 ends Sully had gone in front 37-45.

Dennis Edwards' rink carried the night, taking eight shots in the last few ends and, along with Fred

Phillips, were the two rinks up in a narrow 62-66 away win.

Scores: Ben Curtis, Albert Kelly, Alun Rees and Dennis Edwards 20-9; Stewart Phillips, Paul Neale, Doug Hotchkiss and Fred Phillips 21-17; Kevin Mahoney, Richard Fitzjohn, Alen Thomas Dave Curtis 12-17; Eddie Pryer, Brian Dascombe Huw Thomas, Hugh Levick Jones 13-19.

Come Saturday the tide turned and in a must-win game at home, Sully forgot to bowl in a difficult breeze and lost to table-topping Taffs Well.

All the way this was a tight game and at 15 ends it was only 47-49.

It might have been too much

sun or just fatigue in the heat but Sully fell off a cliff, winning a few ends but dropping lots of shots on others.

There was only one rink up - and they dropped five shots in the last four ends.

Scores: G John, R Fitzjohn, A Thomas, D Curtis 21-13; B Curtis, J Hubbard, T Murphy and D Edwards dropped six in the last four ends, 9-17; A Rees, H Levick, Jones, D Hotchkiss and F Phillips dropped 10 in four ends, 12-26; A Smith, D Curtin, M Hardy and B Griffiths dropped 12 in last six ends, 22-24; final score 64-80.

This week the Villagers are away on Saturday to Fair Oak at Roath Park.

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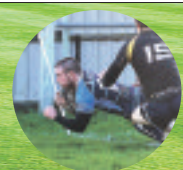
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Big wins for the Centurions!

SULLY Centurions first XI played host to Hopkinstown on Saturday, in what was the first ever league meeting between the two clubs, and ran out winning by a huge margin to keep their place at the top of the league.

After inexplicably being put in the hosts batted first and the opening pair of Rhett Jones and Gethin Hicks soon took a liking to the bowling, putting on a stand of 167 before Gethin was caught for 66. This proved to be just a minor hiccup as Rhett Jones and Calum Thomas then enjoyed another century partnership.

Rhett was eventually out for a marvellous 141. Thomas was joined by Lloyd Bruce and both reached half centuries.

After Thomas went for 59, Bruce (53) and Tom Edwards (32) continued the onslaught and shared a half century partnership as the Hopkinstown fielders were wilting in the sun. The final score was 397 for 5, Sully's best for many a long year.

In the Hopkinstown reply, Centurions kept a firm grip on the match, with some accurate bowling. Only Pember (48) and Hughes (35) showed any resistance in the face of the Sully attack.

Skipper Jake Griffith picked up two wickets while three apiece went to Lloyd Bruce and Gareth Thomas.

The Hopkinstown innings came to a close in the 29th over when the total was still 251 runs short of the target.

Sully Centurions 397-5.

Hopkinstown 148 all out.

The second XI faced Hopkinstown seconds at Hopkinstown and came away with a seven wicket victory to climb up to second place in the table.

The home side batted first and faced the opening attack of Nick Jones and Dan Chaulk, who frustrated the batsmen with some accurate bowling.

But it was Iwan Thomas who made the headlines with his best ever senior figures of 6 for 28, to leave the Hopkinstown side reeling.

A particular mention should be made of the marvellous one handed catch taken by Peter Thomas off Iwan's bowling. The innings ended on 192 all out.

After tea, Centurions had to overcome the loss of opening pair Russell Thomas and Peter Thomas, who both departed cheaply, before Ben Spear (54) and Mike Oatridge (71) – his first half century for the club – turned the game back in Sully's direction.

This, plus a nifty 20 from Harri Edwards, saw Centurions home with plenty of overs to spare and ensured maximum points.

Sully Centurions seconds 193-3, Hopkinstown seconds 192 all out.

This week Centurions are away at Ebbw Vale, with the seconds at home in the reverse fixture – all players are reminded to inform the captains of their availability.

MF

SAM IMPRESSES AT CONGRESS EVENT

NOW that we are in the close season it doesn't mean chess is not being played.

It is possible that some of our members will be in the club on a Monday for friendly games and practicing after the World Cup has finished.

However during the

summer there are still events and congresses taking place at a number of venues. One of these recently was the Bristol Summer Congress.

Sam Jukes of the Barry Chess Club entered the Open section of this event.

In January Sam had a rating of 1896. His five

opponents in this competition were all rated above him, and four of them had ratings in excess of 2000. His weakest opponent was rated at 1950.

Sam returned home with three wins and a draw from his five games. His only loss came in round two where his opponent was rated at 2190.

To pick up 3.5 points from such a strong competition was an excellent performance.

The Barry Chess Club meets at 7.30pm each Monday at the West End Club, St Nicholas Road, Barry, CF62 6QY.

The club is open to players of all standards; whether you are interested in playing competitive chess or just the occasional friendly games.

New players are very welcome to just turn up on the night but if you contact one of the club members through the website we can explain what is happening on the night you have in mind, and arrange for someone to greet you on your arrival.

For more details visit our website at barrychessclub.yolasite.com.

PHIL JONES

THE captain's charity day at Wenvoe Castle Golf Club is one of several opportunities for the club captain Mike Chick to raise funds for his nominated charity, 'The City Hospice Cardiff'.

The members and visitors turned out in huge numbers with all available tee times filled and which produced a huge total of 136 entries.

The event enjoyed excellent weather with the sun shining on a course presented in immaculate condition.

The competition took the form of a team with the best three scores to count but also during the round the players took on challenge after challenge with the opportunity to pick up a prize for nearest the pin at the three par 3 holes and unusually nearest the line which was marked down the centre of the long 14th hole.

Before and after play there was a further chance to dig deep into the pockets with a putting competition on the practice green and attempts to pitch a ball into a waiting bucket which seemed to have a rubber bottom frustrating those who managed to hit the target; all in good fun with the winner, of course, the charity.

Thanks to the generosity of sponsors and club members there were some excellent prizes on offer and this extended to the raffle which was very well supported.

The winners of the team prize with an excellent score of 131 points were Craig Regan, Jared Thomas, Viv Williams and Dave Iles.

Runners-up with another good score of 124 points were Sandra Champ, Lesley Sherrard, Karen Ball and Lyn Williams, just ahead of Derek Lewis, Steve Cleaver, Glyn Jones and Russell Owens who were very close behind with 123 points.

The prizes for nearest the pin on the par 3 holes were won by Kevin Knowles (second hole), Derek Lewis (ninth hole) and Gary Butt (15th hole) and Mark Gullivan took the honours for being nearest the line on the 14th hole.

The club captain was clearly delighted with the support he had received on the day and gave particular thanks to everyone who had

RIGHT: The winning team.

entered a team in the competition and those who had given so generously throughout the year.

Early indications were that £1,700 would be added to the ongoing total raised for the charity throughout the year.

The captain also thanked Lucy Sellick, head greenkeeper, and her hard-working team for their skill in presenting the course in superb condition.

He also expressed his appreciation of all the club members, particularly the ladies' section, and the club bar and catering staff for their usual efficiency throughout the event.

As always the real winners on the day would be the charity and during the year there will be many further opportunities to raise funds for this very worthy cause.

A truly remarkable day and the real winner was the charity with a significant boost to their funds.

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The runners-up.

Millwood's mixed week

ON Wednesday evening, Millwood made the short trip across town to play Cadoxton in the latest instalment of the Munro Cup.

On a green with a good covering of grass and with the honourable exception of captain John Slee and his rink, who lost by one shot, 16 to 15, the remaining rinks were not at the races with the home side winning on all rinks by 71 shots to 41 and taking all 14 points.

On Saturday, on a beautiful bowling afternoon, Millwood hosted Penyrheol A in a Division 6 match which was going to be nip and tuck on all rinks.

On rink 2 Brian Howcroft, Gary Smith, Paul Childs and Arthur Norris soon found themselves nine shots down but clawed these back by the 11th end only to drop a 3 and a 4 on the next two ends, a deficit they could not claw back, losing 22 shots to 16.

On rink 3 Peter Taylor, Des Cameron, Derek Gorringer and Stan Hopkins were 12 shots to 3 up after 10 ends, eventually winning 29 shots to 14.

Over on rink 4 Geoff Stone, assisted by Maurice Jodrell, Harry Hodgkinson and Mike Williams, struggled all

afternoon and despite their best efforts lost by 28 shots to 13.

Meanwhile on rink 5 Alan Bumford, Dave Bourne and Terry Mullins had an altogether easier afternoon, taking the lead early on and eventually winning 28 shots to 18.

Honours were shared with two rinks apiece but a narrow overall win

for Millwood by 86 shots to 82, taking 10 points to four for the visitors - a big well done to all concerned.

Saturday also saw the club side travel to Ynysangharad Park for a Division 3 match on a fine sunny day.

The game was played on a nice fast surface which some of the Millwood rinks found difficult to handle;

however despite this Brian Crockford and his rink won 22 shots to 13 and Alan Anniss and his rink won 23 shots to 16.

However despite their best efforts John Slee lost 27 shots to 13 and Keith Davies lost 31 shots to 13, overall victory going to the home side 87 shots to 71, taking 10 points to Millwood's four.

BH

'Too much cake' causes defeat!

PENARTH Belle Vue Bowling Club hosted St Peter's Bowling Club on June 16 and lost 69-85.

Three rinks lost and one won 12 points to 2. The game was played in good spirits after rain, and Belle Vue were doing well until the tea break but too much cake slowed the team down and St Peter's went on to win the game.

Rink two lost by one shot, 16-17 in a close game. Lead was Len Fowler, No 2 Gerry Field, No 3 was Barrie Bagwell and skip was Dave Purser. Rink three lost 12-26; lead was Frank Keen, No 2 was Mike Owens who had a great game, No 3 was Paul Paterson and skip was Ceri Jones.

Rink four was the only winning rink, 22-10. Lead was Gordon Ford, No 2 was Dave Smith, No 3 was Dave Miller and the skip was captain Malcolm Thomas.

Rink five lost 19-32. Lead was Graham Duggan, No.2 was Richard Brant, No.3 Alan Thomas and the skip was Trevor Ford.

Thanks go to Malcolm Thomas for providing the food and to Jan Jones for her help in the kitchen. Belle Vue then entertained

Cowbridge Bowling Club in the Munro Cup on June 20, losing by nine shots, 53-62.

With two rinks winning and two losing, Belle Vue played one man short, with lots of laughs and good play.

Rink one, with only three players, went down 8-19. Lead was Frank Keen, No 3 was captain Paul Paterson and the skip was Len Fowler.

Rink two won 13-11 in a close game. Lead was Mike Owens, No 2 was Dave Huntly, No 3 was John Whitfield and skip was Ceri Jones.

Rink three was won by 24-10. Lead was Paul Booth, No 2 was Dave Smith, No 3 was Dave Miller and the skip was Barrie Bagwell.

Rink four lost 22-8. Lead was Dave Bradley, No 2 was veteran Gordon Ford, No 3 was Alan Thomas and the skip was Trevor Ford.

Cowbridge Bowling Club gained 10 points, Belle Vue 4.

Thanks go to Paul Paterson for the food and to Barrie Bagwell, Trevor Ford and Dave Bradley for their help in the kitchen. Thanks also go to Cowbridge for making it a good evening.

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